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Bases in Texas might soon host migrant families

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*Stars and Stripes*

Military bases could soon become home to migrant families while they await immigrant or criminal proceedings. The executive order signed Wednesday by President Donald Trump to stop the separation of families crossing the border illegally orders Defense Secretary Jim Mattis to provide space in existing facilities or construct facilities if necessary. This is upon request of the Department of Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen M. Nielsen.

The idea of housing children on military installations in Texas has been discussed in recent weeks as the administration enforces its "zero-tolerance" immigration policy along the U.S.-Mexico border.

When searching for more housing for migrant children, Fort Bliss in El Paso, Dyess Air Force Base near Abilene and Goodfellow Air Force Base near San Angelo — all in West Texas — have all been identified for possible use as temporary shelters, according to information from the Department of Health and Human Services' Administration for Children and Families.

Mattis, when asked about the idea of housing immigrants on bases, said, "We'll see what they come in with. We support DHS, and right now this is their lead and we'll respond if requested."

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# All quiet ON THE DMZ

North Korean summits bring sense of peace on border between Koreas

BY ERIC TALMADGE  
*Associated Press*

PANMUNJOM, North Korea—Lt. Col. Hwang Myong Jin has been a guide on the northern side of the Demilitarized Zone that divides the two Koreas for five years. He says it's gotten quieter here since the summits between North Korean leader Kim Jong Un and the presidents of South Korea and the United States, in perhaps the last place on Earth where the Cold War still burns hot.

"A lot of things have changed. Listen to how quiet it is," he said as he stood on the balcony of a large building overlooking the blue and white barracks and concrete demarcation line that mark the boundary between North and South.

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North Korean army Lt. Col. Hwang Myong Jin stands inside the museum commemorating the armistice between North and South Korea at the truce village at the Demilitarized Zone that separates the Koreas in Panmunjom, North Korea, on Wednesday.

DITA ALANGKARA/AP

## MILITARY



PHOTOS BY MARTIN EGASH/Stars and Stripes

Lt. Robert Martin fires a Beretta M9 pistol Wednesday during the 7th Army Training Command's Best Warrior Competition at Grafenwoehr, Germany.

## 3 Hohenfels soldiers headed to Europe Best Warrior Competition

By MARTIN EGASH  
Stars and Stripes

GRAFENWOEHR, Germany — After facing challenges that would daunt even the toughest warriors, three soldiers with the 7th Army Training Command proved on Thursday they have what it takes to go on to the next level of the Best Warrior Competition.

First Lt. Robert L. Martin, Staff Sgt. Cesar Gonzalez and Spc. Derek Teegardin, all from 1st Battalion, 4th Infantry Regiment, at the Hohenfels Training Area, were named, respectively, best commissioned officer, best noncommissioned officer and best soldier.

The challenges they faced included precision shooting under stress, maneuvering through obstacle courses, and following instructions after getting tear-gassed.

The soldiers, all of whom served as opposition forces fighting fellow U.S. troops during exercises, will go on to face soldiers from across Europe in the next round of Best Warrior Competition later this summer at Grafenwoehr.

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Spc. Alexander Craw, left, and Sgt. Christian Calame wait for the pain in their eyes to stop after being in the gas chamber Wednesday during the 7th Army Training Command's Best Warrior Competition in Grafenwoehr, Germany.

# Officers censured in wake of Navy scandal

By COREY DICKSTEIN  
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Navy Secretary Richard Spencer has issued letters of censure to a retired rear admiral and two other officers found to have accepted inappropriate gifts and to have maintained unethical relationships with "Fat" Leonard Francis, the central figure in a widespread fraud investigation.

The censures — formal, permanent acknowledgements of wrongdoing — were issued last week to retired Rear Adm. Richard Wren, retired Capt. Timothy Conroy and Capt. Charles Johnson, the Navy announced Wednesday in a statement. The letters do not impact retirement benefits or pay for the officers reprimanded.

The censures are the latest in a series of punishments doled out by the Navy and the Department of Justice stemming from an ongoing probe of Francis and the defense contractor Glenn Defense Marine Asia, or GDMA, for whom he worked. Francis has pleaded guilty to bribery, conspiracy to defraud the U.S. and other charges. He is awaiting sentencing.

According to the Navy, Wren "repeatedly and improperly" took gifts from Francis while serving as the commander of Carrier Strike Group Five and as the commander of U.S. Naval Forces Japan between 2007 and 2010. In Spencer's letter, the secretary wrote he determined Wren later misled investigators about his relationship with Francis. Wren retired from the Navy in 2011.

Conroy, who retired from the

Navy in 2010, also accepted gifts from Francis during several months in 2008 when he was serving as the chief of staff for Carrier Strike Group Seven, Spencer determined, according to the Navy statement. Johnson, who remains on active duty, was found to have accepted gifts from Francis' firm repeatedly between 2004 and 2010 while serving in various positions in the western Pacific, the Navy said.

Spencer wrote all three officers engaged in "conduct unbecoming an officer," which was "an embarrassment" to the service.

"It is incumbent that naval officers, particularly those placed in positions of great trust and responsibility, be held to the highest standards in both personal and professional behavior," Spencer wrote. Wren, Conroy and Johnson "disregarded those standards and engaged in conduct that reflected unethical and improper personal behavior and set poor standards of leadership."

The 350-pound Francis bribed Navy officials in the Pacific with hundreds of thousands of dollars in cash, luxurious gifts and prostitutes, investigators said. Francis is believed to have defrauded the U.S. government out of about \$35 million. Since Francis' 2013 arrest, hundreds of Navy officials have been impacted by the scandal, which has led to charges against more than 30 individuals. At least 20 Navy officials have pleaded guilty to a range of charges, including fraud and dereliction of duty related to the case.

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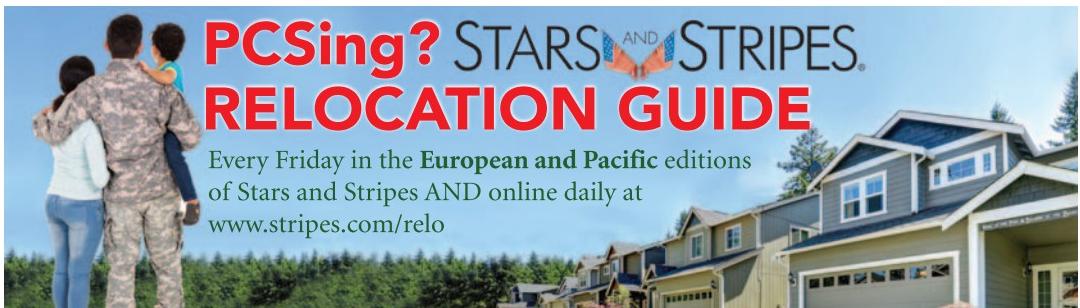
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## MILITARY

# NATO head: No guarantee alliance will survive

By JILL LAWLESS  
Associated Press

LONDON — Bonds between Europe and North America are under strain and there's no guarantee the trans-Atlantic alliance will survive, the head of NATO warned Thursday.

Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg called for an international effort to shore up the military alliance amid divisions between Europe and the U.S. over trade, climate change and the Iran nuclear deal.

"It is not written in stone that the trans-Atlantic bond will survive forever," Stoltenberg told an audience in London. "But I believe we will preserve it."

NATO has been shaken by U.S. President Donald Trump's "America first" stance and mistrust of international institutions. Trump once called NATO obsolete, and repeatedly has berated other members of the 29-nation alliance for failing to spend enough on defense.

Ahead of a NATO summit in July, Stoltenberg said "we may have seen the weakening" of some bonds between North America and Europe. But he insisted that "maintaining the trans-Atlantic partnership is in our strategic interests."

Stoltenberg said the world faced "the most unpredictable security environment in a generation" due to terrorism, proliferating weapons of mass destruction, cyber-attacks and an assertive Russia.

"We must continue to protect our multilateral institutions like NATO, and we must continue to stand up for the international rules-based order," he said.

Some European officials worry the Trump administration is cool on efforts to hold Russia to account for misdeeds including election meddling and the nerve-agent poisoning of former spy Sergei Skripal in England, which the U.K. blames on Moscow.

At a G-7 summit this month, Trump



MATT DUNNAP/AP

**NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg wipes his brow Thursday as he listens to a question after a speech before a NATO summit at Lancaster House in London.**

suggested that Russia should be readmitted to the group of industrial powers, from which it was expelled over its annexation of Crimea in 2014.

Some U.S. allies are concerned by reports that Trump plans to meet Russian President Vladimir Putin when the American can lead travels to Europe for the NATO summit next month.

But Stoltenberg said meeting Putin does not contradict NATO policies.

"We are in favor of dialogue with Russia," he said. "We don't want a new cold war. We don't want a new arms race. We don't want to isolate Russia."

## After Trump's tough talk on Germany, Mattis offers praise

By JOHN VANDIVER  
*Stars and Stripes*

Defense Secretary Jim Mattis lauded German efforts to boost military spending and the country's contributions to global security, offering support for a longtime U.S. ally that has come under withering attack from President Donald Trump in recent weeks.

"I think they are on the right track," Mattis said Wednesday in Washington. "We welcome the announcement that Germany wants to increase its defense spending by 80 percent by 2024."

Mattis, during a meeting with German Defense Minister Ursula von der Leyen at the Pentagon, also highlighted Germany's role in supporting French counterterrorism efforts in northern Africa, its leadership in NATO's mission in northern Afghanistan and its oversight of a battlegroup in Lithuania.

Yet Mattis' comments come on the heels of a series of rebukes from Trump, who has been as critical of Germany as any country — ally or enemy.

Trump said in a tweet on Monday that the German people were turning against their leadership because of immigration policies that have allowed "millions of people in who have so strongly and violently changed their culture."

Trump's comments drew strong rebukes from German officials.

During a meeting of the G-7 in Canada earlier this month, Trump also blasted Germany for not meeting NATO defense spending targets.

In 2014, NATO members agreed to dedicate 2 percent of gross domestic product to their respective militaries, but Germany said it wouldn't reach that level by the 2024 deadline. Berlin expects expenditures to be at 1.5 percent by 2025 and hasn't set a clear timeline for reaching the NATO benchmark. Trump has been unrelenting in his criticism of NATO members who are not meeting their spending obligations.

Mattis has applied a softer touch in criticizing Germany and has emphasized the need for unity among allies.

"The frequent communications we share between us is simply one factor in the aspect of our enduring German-U.S. relationship, a sign of trust between two NATO allies," Mattis said Wednesday. "Yet, for what often we communicate, the United States does not take this relationship for granted."

But in July, the divisions between Washington and Berlin are expected to be on center stage when NATO heads of state gather for a summit in Brussels.

Trump's disagreements with German Chancellor Angela Merkel go beyond military matters. Berlin and Washington also are at odds on trade and the White House's decision to pull out of the Iran nuclear deal.

In Washington on Wednesday, von der Leyen made no mention of Trump and said Germany was committed to doing more on defense. But there's "still a lot to do," she said.

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## Oklahoma saves training airspace disrupted by wind farms

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Oklahoma has moved to protect military airspace from wind farms that are proliferating in the state.

On June 13, Gov. Mary Fallin signed off on rules for new wind farm projects that threaten military aviation corridors used by four Air Force bases and an Army installation. Oklahoma is second only to Texas in wind-energy production.

The law also protects bombing ranges, drop zones and areas around bases, said Mike Cooper, the Oklahoma Strategic Military Planning Commission chairman who helped orchestrate the law.

Student pilots from Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, who often use Oklahoma airspace, have lost access to three training routes in the past 2½ years, and others are on the brink of being lost, said Lt. Col. Matt Manning, chief of safety for the 80th Flying Training Wing at Sheppard.

Students often fly as low as 500 feet, and the tallest windmills can top 600 feet. They fly more than 100,000 sorties annually between



Courtesy of the U.S. Air Force

**A T-38 Talon from Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, maneuvers around a wind farm in an undated photo.**

Sheppard and Vance Air Force Base, Okla., in three types of aircraft.

Air force regulations require pilots to clear obstacles by 500 feet vertically or 2,000 to 3,000 feet horizontally. If a wind farm

crosses a training route, which is about 10 miles wide, pilots have to gain altitude, which disrupts the mission, said Manning, a T-38 and T-6 instructor pilot.

Cooper helped bring experts from the wind-energy industry

and the Air Force together to craft the new rules, which require input from military commanders and, potentially, mitigation measures ahead of wind farm construction.

"Everyone comes to the table to figure out how to support

green energy without endangering military aviation training," he said. "The bill allows for 100 percent communication between all parties."

Military bases are worth \$10 billion per year to Oklahoma's economy, Cooper said.

"We are a military-friendly state, and it's our duty and responsibility to work with the military ... to protect what our bases need, and what we have is airspace," he said.

The new law is touted as an example of how other states, such as Ohio, can protect military bases and support green energy, said Cooper, who was scheduled to discuss the issue this week with Secretary of the Air Force Heather Wilson.

Additional protections for training corridors were provided in the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2018, which declared that military training and readiness are imperative to national security and gave the Defense Department backing to block wind farms that encroach on training areas.

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## MILITARY

# Coast Guardsmen target illegal fishing

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MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan — The U.S. Coast Guard recently deployed to northeast Japan as part of a multinational effort to help curb illegal fishing.

Since 2005, the six members of the North Pacific Coast Guard Forum — Japan, South Korea, China, Russia, Canada and the United States — have cooperated in Operation North Pacific Guard, a large-scale search of the northern Pacific for illegal and unregulated fishing boats.

Stars and Stripes flew with the Coast Guard during a mission last week on an HC-130H maritime patrol aircraft out of Misawa. The plane and its crew of nine deployed there from Coast Guard Air Station Kodiak, Alaska.

"We're patrolling a grid point near Japan ... and we'll fly back and forth identifying every boat we see," Coast Guard Petty Officer 3rd Class Joshua Rigerink said during the June 14 mission.

The Coast Guardsmen enforce the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, but their priority is illegal high-seas drift netting, he said.

Drift nets — secured by floats near the surface and weights at the bottom to hang vertically — used to be made of biodegradable material such as hemp, with mesh large enough for many sea creatures to escape.

But when large-scale commercial drift-net fishing began in the 1950s, manufacturers switched to synthetic materials to meet the heightened demand, and an ecological disaster was born.

Synthetic nets can stretch up to 40 miles, according to briefing documents for Operation North Pacific Guard.

Increased size and smaller mesh resulted in more bycatch — or nontargeted species — than the older nets. Drift nets trap whatever they encounter, including sharks, dolphins, whales, sea turtles and birds. They're nearly invisible, and lost nets are carried on ocean currents ensnaring fish indefinitely.

In 1992, the United Nations banned drift nets longer than 2.5 km, but some fishermen still use them, and even legal nets can go adrift.

During last week's patrol, the Coast Guardsmen were well-



LEON COOK/Stars and Stripes

**U.S. Coast Guard Petty Officer 3rd Class Tommy Burns, navigator aboard an HC-130H search and rescue aircraft, checks the aircraft's position during a patrol flight in search of illegal fishing near Japan's eastern coast last week.**

placed to spot any illegal nets as they were staked down at a vast expanse of ocean.

"They use us for this mission because we're extremely good at finding things in the ocean," said Petty Officer 2nd Class Sabrina Finley, a tactical systems operator.

Hawaiian-based Coast Guardsmen on the cutter Morgenthau, in cooperation with Chinese observers and tipped off by Canadian and Japanese spotter aircraft, apprehended a Chinese-flagged vessel fishing with a 3.3-km drift net, 800 meters longer than allowed by the UN resolution, during Operation North Pacific Guard 2014. But most missions come up empty-handed.

Rigerink and Finley were the eyes of the aircraft. Cruising at 7,500 feet, surface-search radar allowed them to find objects despite low-lying clouds from a recent typhoon.

There were many blips on the radar, most with a corresponding signal from an Automatic Identification System, or AIS, broadcasting each vessel's identity, size, position, course and speed.

"We definitely look for radar contacts that aren't on AIS," Riger-

rink said. "It's not mandatory, but it's nearly universal so it's suspicious if a ship isn't using it ... especially if our radar says it's a large contact."

During the search, crewmembers bantered and talked about the in-flight meal they'd prepare on an electric griddle and crockpot.

But they were all business once they found a large radar contact not broadcasting on AIS.

Rigerink talked the pilot onto the target as the aircraft descended. At 300 feet, the plane was finally below the cloud ceiling, and Finley zoomed in on the target vessel using a camera mounted under the aircraft.

The ocean seemed alarmingly near and the life jackets distressingly distant as the plane circled lower than some roller coasters. The crew recorded video and snapped photos of the ship below from various angles.

The Chinese-flagged ship, which turned its AIS on as the Coast Guardsmen drew near, wasn't acting strangely. Neither did it display signs of drift-net fishing, such as net bins, tubes and spreaders. However, the name on the hull and the name on

the ship's superstructure didn't match.

"I don't know what they're up to, but that's got to be a violation of something," a crewmember said as the plane ascended.

Photos showing both names, the vessel's position, course, speed, and other relevant information were to be included in a mission report.

As the flight went on, experienced crewmen quizzed junior members on things such as how much overlapping radar coverage they'd get based on altitude and search pattern.

Two more vessels warranted further investigation, but the crew didn't find any illegal activity and headed back to Misawa.

During the return, they chatted about the places near Misawa they'd go that evening. Even after being stuck with each other all day in a metal tube, the close-knit crew sticks together off-duty.

Finding a drift net is uncommon, but Coast Guardsmen don't seem to mind. The next day they'd search a different patch of ocean, and still another the day after. To them, their place is in the air.

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## Appeals court tosses veterans' lawsuits over burn pits

Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — Military veterans who claim that the use of open burn pits during the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan caused myriad health problems cannot move forward with dozens of lawsuits against a military contractor, a federal appeals court ruled Wednesday.

A three-judge panel of the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals agreed with a federal judge in Maryland, who last year threw out the lawsuits brought against KBR, a former Halliburton Corp. subsidiary.

More than 60 lawsuits allege that KBR's

practice of dumping tires, batteries, medical waste and other materials into open burn pits created harmful smoke that caused neurological problems, cancers and other health issues in more than 800 servicemembers. The lawsuits, which were filed in multiple districts around the country and then consolidated, also alleged that at least 12 servicemembers died from illnesses caused by the burn pits.

Like the lower court judge, the appeals court panel found that the lawsuits are barred under a legal doctrine holding that courts are not equipped to decide political questions; only Congress and the president have the power to

resolve those.

The panel found that the military had unrestricted control over KBR so that KBR's decisions on waste management and water services were "de facto military decisions" not appropriate for judicial review.

"The facts found by the district court plainly show that KBR had little to no discretion in choosing how to manage the waste," Judge Henry F. Floyd wrote for the panel in the 3-0 ruling. "The military mandated the use of burn pits as a matter of military judgment. KBR could not unilaterally choose to use landfills, recycling, or incinerators instead."

## Mildenhall airman dies after crash on motorcycle

Stars and Stripes

RAF MILDENHALL, England — An aircraft maintainer assigned to the 352d Special Operations Wing died Sunday evening after a motorcycle accident. Air Force officials said Wednesday.

Staff Sgt. Adam Naber, 24, left the southbound lane of the A142 highway near Soham on his motorcycle and collided with a fence and bushes, local police said.

The Soham bypass was closed for more than three hours while emergency services responded, police said.

"(Staff Sgt.) Naber was a valued member of the 352d Special Operations Aircraft Maintenance Squadron and will be sorely missed," wing commander Col. Matthew Smith said in a statement. "Please keep (Staff Sgt.) Naber's family and friends in your hearts and prayers as we move through this very difficult time."

The cause of the crash remains under investigation. Anyone who may have witnessed the accident is asked to dial 101 locally and contact the serious collision investigation team.

"An accident investigation is ongoing, and a memorial service is being planned, details of which will be released at a later point in time," Smith said.

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# PACIFIC



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A South Korean building complex is seen in the background as North Korean soldiers guard the truce village at the Demilitarized Zone in Panmunjom, North Korea, on Wednesday.

## DMZ: Getting North's heavy artillery farther from border likely to be addressed in talks

### FROM FRONT PAGE

"The South used to blast psychological warfare propaganda at us," he said. "But since the summits, they have stopped. Now there is a peaceful atmosphere here."

Indeed, all is quiet—deceptive-ly so—in the DMZ these days.

On Wednesday, as Kim Jong Un was in Beijing for his third summit with Chinese President Xi Jinping, the northern part of the zone was buzzing with busloads of Chinese tourists taking selfies and eating ice cream comes outside the surprisingly well-stocked souvenir shop near the DMZ entrance.

A group of ethnic Korean high school students from Japan filed out of their tour bus as North Korean People's Army soldiers watched disinterestedly with automatic rifles slung over their shoulders. Inside the souvenir shop, still more tourists, from Europe, looked over hand-painted propaganda posters. American tourists are still banned from visiting North Korea under an order issued last year by President Donald Trump that restricts all non-essential travel.

Though the DMZ has taken on something of a tourist trap atmosphere over the years—the South side is also a popular tourist destination and also has its share of kitschy souvenirs—Lt. Col. Hwang stressed that it remains firmly a restricted military site.

"It's not that we want tourists to come, but people want to see," he said. "There are dangers."

The dangers are, in fact, all around the DMZ, though they are invisible to the throngs of day-tripping tourists.

While world attention tends to focus on the North's development of nuclear weapons, North Korea has for decades stationed most of

its conventional fire near its border with the South. South Korea's capital, Seoul, is only about 50 miles from the DMZ and would be vulnerable to heavy artillery, and possibly chemical shells. Such an attack could cause hundreds of thousands of casualties.

Getting North Korea to agree to move at least some of its big guns away from the border will likely be a key topic of negotiations in the months ahead, particularly now that the U.S. and South Korea have agreed to halt their next set of annual war games, which never fail to outrage the North and heighten tensions on the peninsula.

Hwang generally follows a strongly patriotic and unapologetic script as he shows visitors around the usual spots—the building where the armistice that ended the 1950-53 Korean War was signed, a giant stone engraved with North Korean founder Kim Il Sung's last words, various other spots where talks took place. He still stays strongly on message—his job is to get the North's position across to the tourists, even if they aren't especially interested in listening.

He also pointed out a tree planted by Kim Jong Un and South Korean President Moon Jae-in when they held their first summit here in April, and the pavilion where Kim hosted Moon when he came to the North's side last month. And when speaking to an American journalist, Hwang also seemed a tad less belligerent—or perhaps just a bit more relaxed—on Wednesday.

"War only brings disaster to our people. Nobody wants a war," he said. "We held military talks with the South here, too. The talks are moving in the direction of what humanity wants. That's peace. That's a positive thing."



Chinese tourists have their photos taken at the museum of the Korean armistice agreement at the DMZ.



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## PACIFIC

# Camp Red Cloud closer to closure

By KIM GAMEL

*Stars and Stripes*

**CAMP RED CLOUD**, South Korea — Soldiers stood in formation as the garrison's colors were cased Thursday in a ceremony officials said marked an important step toward closing this Korean War-era base and reducing the U.S. footprint north of Seoul.

The inactivation of Camp Red Cloud, which remains home to the 2nd Infantry Division, was a largely administrative move aimed at consolidating resources as the Army steps up much-delayed plans to move most forces to its new hub in the southern half of the country.

But Col. Brandon Newton, who served for the past two years as the final garrison commander of the area that includes Red Cloud and Camp Casey, stressed the process was well underway.

"The details of the way that we return bases are more complex than just the casing of the colors," he said in an interview after the ceremony on the parade ground. "We're certainly on the lead edge of what I would consider the vacating of Camp Red Cloud. Vacating and closing a camp is about a year's process."

The base in the town of Uijeongbu, which was home to the real-life unit that inspired the popular TV show "M.A.S.H.," was named in 1957 in honor of the Medal of Honor recipient Cpl. Martin Red Cloud Jr., who was killed in the first year of the 1950-53 Korean War.

Red Cloud — where soldiers still live in aging Quonset huts — has long been an anchor in a web of bases and outposts near the front lines with North Korea.

It has undergone many changes in the past, transforming from a hardship duty station to one fit for families with a school and childcare and more recently back to an unaccompanied post.

The 2ID headquarters will remain at Camp Red Cloud for the foreseeable future while its new headquarters and apartment-style barracks are completed on Camp Humphreys, officials said, reluctant to give a timeline after many delays.

Several units already have made the move. The military also is shutting down Camp Stanley, although the larger Camp Casey will remain open as the home to the 210th Field Artillery Brigade and other residual forces.

"We are still occupying and have an operational requirement for Camp Casey," Newton said.

"Camp Stanley is in what I would call the vacate process right now. We are still removing furniture, turning off power, turning off water," he said. Adding the military also was trying to remove heating oil in an environmentally responsible way.

The U.S. military has long grouped its bases in South Korea into four areas for administrative purposes but is consolidating the commands as the relocation gains



Col. Brandon Newton

momentum.

Camp Red Cloud will fall under a newly designated U.S. Army Garrison Yongsan-Casey, which will be commanded by Col. Monica Washington beginning Friday when she takes over from the current Yongsan commander, Col. Scott Peterson.

Newton, who will move with his family to Denver to be the regional defense coordinating officer for FEMA, said the restructuring was necessary to shift more personnel to Camp Humphreys, which is in the rural Pyeongtaek area about 40 miles south of the capital.

"The last two years have been marked by major change ... coupled with the tumultuous, to say the least, operational environment," he said in remarks to military officials and local dignitaries in the audience. "There are still tough days ahead to continue to move units and reduce the workforce."

He also said Camp Jackson and Camp Mobile were ready to be handed over to the South Korean government but no date has been set.

Christine Alendorf, the director of Installation Management Command for the Pacific, praised Newton for leading the garrison during a time of transition.

"As we look back on this relatively brief time period of his command, we marvel at the staggering pace he set as more than 8,500 personnel along with equipment vacated, consolidated and moved from here to U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys," she said.

Even with the ongoing transformation effort Col. Newton maintained a commitment to the quality of life of every single person here, replacing ineffective water treatment facilities, enhancing barracks and focusing on energy conservation and efficiency," she said.

Two Uijeongbu officials, who spoke only on condition of anonymity, said they had heard Camp Red Cloud would be closed by the end of the year. City officials were tentatively planning to develop the land as a security-themed tourist complex but were waiting to see how much environmental cleanup would be needed, they said.

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**Officials**  
Thursday said Japan plans to suspend civilian evacuation drills, like this one in 2017, planned for the year amid easing tension following the U.S.-North Korea summit.  
**Kyodo News/AP**

# Japan says it will suspend civilian evacuation drills

*Associated Press*

TOKYO — Japan plans to suspend the civilian evacuation drills if started last year while North Korea was repeatedly test-firing missiles near and over Japanese islands, officials said Thursday, citing diplomatic overtures from Pyongyang.

Nine drills to prepare residents in Japan for possible missile attacks were to be held later this year.

The Cabinet Secretariat in charge of crisis management said

the official announcement of the suspension was expected next week and that recent diplomatic developments meant the prospect of strikes from North Korean missiles has subsided for now.

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un promised at his summit with President Donald Trump to work toward a denuclearized Korean Peninsula. Washington has also announced that it will suspend its joint military exercises with South

Korea planned for the summer. The planned suspension surfaced Thursday after officials in Tochigi prefecture confirmed a drill there next Tuesday had been called off at the government's request.

The Cabinet Secretariat stressed that the drills are suspended only as long as the tensions remain reduced. The government still plans to go ahead with a plan to install land-based Aegis Ashore missile interceptors.

# Ex-defense official: Singapore deal bad for US

By CLAUDIA GRISALES

*Stars and Stripes*

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump walked out of his historic meeting last week with North Korea's Kim Jong Un with a "bad deal" for the United States, a former defense official told lawmakers on Wednesday.

Following the June 12 summit in Singapore, Trump stunned U.S. lawmakers, allies and Pentagon officials with plans to halt military exercises with U.S. ally South Korea and by Tuesday officially announced the cancellation of the exercises slated for August.

"The United States got a bad deal in Singapore," Abraham Denmark, who was U.S. deputy assistant secretary of defense for East Asia under former President Barack Obama, told the House Foreign Affairs Committee subpanel on Asia and Pacific issues.

"The most geopolitically significant outcome of the summit was to set the U.S.-[North Korean] relationship onto a diplomatic track. Additionally, the president suspended major ... joint military exercises, this gave away a major piece of leverage while over time weakening the capabilities of our forces stationed in Korea for no appreciable gain."

The United States and South Korea conduct two major sets of military exercises each year — Foal Eagle and Key Resolve in the spring and Ulchi Freedom Guardian, which was slated for August. They also hold smaller training exercises throughout the year.

"All of us who work on Asia were confused or disturbed by the president's abrupt cancellation of U.S. joint military exercises," said Mi-

chael J. Green, a former adviser to former President George W. Bush and who is now senior vice president at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, a Washington think tank.

However, a new poll from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research released Thursday finds that 55 percent of Americans approve of Trump's diplomacy with North Korea, up from 42 percent in March and 34 percent last October. The survey was conducted immediately after Trump concluded a one-day meeting with Kim, the first between a U.S. and North Korean leader in six decades of hostility, at which they agreed North Korea would work toward denuclearization in exchange for U.S. security guarantees.

"This was not a unilateral decision, if you are Japan or Korea or Australia," said Green, who is also director of Asian studies at Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service. "This was a bilateral decision between North Korea and the United States proposed by China and Russia with no consultation with our closest allies, compounded by the president's statements that someday he would like to get out of Korea altogether."

The United States has about 28,500 servicemen in South Korea as part of the long-standing alliance between the two countries that fought together in the Korean War, which lasted from 1950-53.

Trump said he has no plans to decrease the number of U.S. troops in the South as part of security assurances for the North, but has left open the possibility to do so in the future.

Denmark, who left the Defense

Department in 2017 and is now director of the Asia Program at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, said he has yet to see any indication that Kim wants to pursue denuclearization or disarmament, and instead appears to be solely interested in engaging the world as a nuclear power. Kim wants to enter into arms control negotiations, Denmark suspects.

As a result, it will be difficult for negotiations to move forward with different objectives in mind by the United States and North Korea, Denmark warned.

"The question people are asking is whether this was a win-win or a Kim-win," said Rep. Brad Sherman, D-Calif., ranking Democrat for the House subcommittee. "I think it's clear this is Kim-win, but this is just the first inning. It is possible as this goes forward, it could be a win-win situation."

Some lawmakers and experts said the North received a major concession — reversing decades of U.S. military posture in the region, with joint exercises at the heart of readiness efforts against the rogue regime — while the United States seemingly receiving nothing in return. The drills infuriate North Korea, which considers them a rehearsal for an invasion.

Several lawmakers have expressed alarm with plans to halt military exercises. The troops and joint exercises were not mentioned in the final summit document, which focused on security guarantees and a general commitment to denuclearization.

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## MILITARY

# USS Arizona relic heads to Texas memorial

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FORT SHAFTER, Hawaii — In the early 1960s, workmen spent months carving up a huge un-submerged portion of the USS Arizona, sunk by the Japanese surprise attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941.

Chunk by chunk, cranes lifted and transported pieces of the ship to the Navy's boneyard on nearby Waipio Peninsula — all in preparation for constructing a permanent USS Arizona Memorial above the remaining submerged ship. The memorial was completed and dedicated in 1962.

"That wreckage has been resting over there basically since 1961," said Daniel Martinez, chief historian for the WWII Valor in the Pacific National Monument, which includes the Arizona.

On Thursday, a large piece of that deck will head to a war memorial in the Texas Panhandle, delivered by UPS via air and truck.

"We're really excited about it," said Ernie Houdashell, a Texas county judge who headed the effort to obtain the relic. "It's really, really an honor to think we're going to have a piece of this national treasure."

The relic will be mounted on a pedestal at the Texas Panhandle War Memorial in Amarillo on property owned by Randall County, Texas.

Its acquisition is part of an effort by Houdashell to obtain significant displays representing the Navy, Army, Air Force and Marine Corps for the memorial.

The Arizona artifact will join a Vietnam War-era Huey helicopter — representing the Army — and an F-100 supersonic fighter jet used by the Air Force.

"We were looking for something for the Navy guys," Houdashell said. He had learned of the wreckage pile on Waipio Peninsula decades earlier while working for a congressman, he said.

About two years ago, he investigated the possibility of getting a section of the wreckage to display and found that the



Courtesy of Ernie Houdashell

**The monoliths at the Texas Panhandle War Memorial in Amarillo, Texas, will soon be joined by a relic from the USS Arizona.**

Texas memorial qualified to obtain it from the Navy.

John Dalton, who served as Navy secretary in the 1990s, made that possible, Martinez said.

"He issued an order that the Arizona wreckage should be dispensed to veterans of Pearl Harbor and to museums that requested a piece of it," he said. "There are now pieces of wreckage all over."

Navy Region Hawaii historian Jim Neuman said that 112 relics from the Arizona wreckage field have been sent to various museums, educational organizations and public facilities around the country since 1983, the bulk of them after the USS Arizona Relics Program was established in the 1990s.

Among those that have claimed a piece

of USS Arizona history are the National WWII Museum in New Orleans and the National Museum of the Pacific War in Fredericksburg, Texas.

But those displays are small compared to the one being shipped to Amarillo, Houdashell said.

It's roughly a 5-by-6-foot piece, weighing about 400 pounds, he said.

"It's not pretty — but neither was it when it got bombed," he said.

UPS is providing free shipping, and the crate is scheduled to arrive in Amarillo on June 30.

"This is part of the fabric of American history, and if we can help make the Arizona and Pearl Harbor real to new generations of students, particularly in Amarillo, it's something we want to be a part of," said



Courtesy of UPS

**UPS is scheduled to deliver this crate holding a section of the USS Arizona to a memorial park in the Texas Panhandle.**

Jim Mayer, public relations manager at UPS.

The goal is to dedicate the new display on Dec. 7 this year, Houdashell said.

An accompanying plaque will diagram the Arizona and the location from which the relic was removed, he said. Another plaque will list the names of the men who were aboard the ship on the day of the attack.

The Amarillo artifact includes a portion of the wooden planks used in the first, temporary memorial built on the Arizona's boat deck in 1950 by order of Adm. Arthur Radford, then-commander of Pacific Fleet.

The design for the permanent memorial, however, called for no portion of the viewing area to be in contact with the Arizona, Martinez said.

Thus, a large section of the superstructure that stood above the waterline had to be chopped up and moved to the marshland of Waipio Peninsula.

"It's going to have a very reverent place other than over on a swampy island rotting away," Houdashell said of the artifact. "We're going to treat it in a very sacred manner."

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## Five Mich. siblings to join military

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ADA, Mich. — Five Michigan siblings, including quadruplets, who just graduated high school are set to join the Armed Forces.

Quadruplets Nevin, Mason, Bryce and Rose Lees are joining the Marine Corps, the Air National Guard, the Navy and the Air Force, respectively. Their adopted brother, Yoel Lees, will join the Marines this fall. Two other siblings who also just graduated from Forest Hills Northern High School in Grand Rapids aren't joining the military.

"I was kind of the last one to hop on the military bandwagon," Mason Lees told the Grand Rapids Press. "I'm joining the Air National Guard down in Tennessee for aerospace propulsion, hopefully."

Yoel Lees said he became interested in the Marine Corps for the culture and brotherhood.

Their mother, Lyvonne Lees,



NEIL BLAKE/The Grand Rapids Press via AP

**Yoel, from left, Rose, Bryce and Mason Lees pose outside their home in Ada, Mich. Nevin Lees is not pictured.**

said there hasn't been much military influence from her or her husband's families, aside from a son-in-law who serves as a pilot.

She encouraged others to take advantage of joining the military as a path to higher education because of its financial benefits.

Bryce Lees said he thinks there's a misconception that it's a scary and dangerous decision to join the armed forces.

"You meet new people, lifelong friends, you get to travel the

world, you help other countries," he said.

Rose Lees wants to become an emergency medicine physician, with the hopes of working for Doctors Without Borders. She plans to attend Eastern Michigan University and to commute to the University of Michigan for Air Force training.

"Ever since I was little I've always wanted to serve," she told WXMI-TV. "I just want to help out our world."

## Missing Minot machine gun discovered in airman's home

By COREY DICKSTEIN  
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WASHINGTON — Air Force investigators recovered an M-240 machine gun missing from Minot Air Force base at an airman's off-base residence, service officials announced.

Special agents with the service's Office of Special Investigations found the machine gun while executing a federal search warrant, Minot officials said Wednesday in a statement. They declined to provide additional information, including the identity of the airman who was in possession of the firearm or any pending charges the airman could face, citing the ongoing investigation.

The M-240 is a nearly 30-pound, belt-fed, automatic machine gun that fires .762 mm rounds. The weapon was believed to be missing from the Air Force base in North Dakota on May 16 during an inventory check of weapons belonging to the 91st Security Forces Group. It was the second case in

less than a month in which the group lost weapons, which would lead to the removal of the group's senior leaders.

On May 1, airmen with the 91st SFG lost a box of 40mm MK19 automatic grenade launcher ammunition off the back of a Humvee while traveling rural roads, Minot officials said. The service launched a large-scale search for the missing ammunition and offered a \$5,000 reward for its return but it was never found, officials said. The incident was considered an accident.

On May 23, Col. Jason Beers, the group's commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Nikki Drago, the unit's superintendent, were fired due to a "loss of trust and confidence" in their leadership, the Air Force announced. Beers, however, is slated to take a new job in the summer as the chief of the installations division at Air Force Special Operations Command Headquarters at MacDill Air Force Base in Florida, officials said.

## MILITARY

# Lawyer: Ex-soldier may seek clemency

**Former Army staff sergeant who shot up Afghan village is likely to ask president to commute life sentence**

BY PATRICIA KIME

*McClatchy Tribune News Service*

**WASHINGTON** — Robert Bales, the former Army staff sergeant who killed 16 Afghan civilians, including seven children, will likely ask the president to commute his life sentence once he exhausts his legal appeals for one of the nation's most notorious war crimes.

Bales' attorney, John Maher, said earlier this month that if he runs out of options in the courts, he will seek executive clemency from the president.

Bales could face a receptive audience if President Donald Trump still occupies the Oval Office when his appeals are complete. Trump has freed people he believes were treated unfairly by the judicial system, pardoning five, including two for political corruption and infamous Arizona sheriff Joe Arpaio, who was convicted of criminal contempt.

He also pardoned one former service-member among the more than 3,000 clemency requests: Former Machinist Mate 1st Class Kristian Saucier was sentenced to a year in prison for taking photos of a classified area of Naval Submarine Base in New London, Conn. Trump pardoned him after Saucier said he had been treated more harshly than others who were accused of mishandling classified information, including former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and former CIA Director David Petraeus.



Bales

Clinton was not charged with wrongdoing, and Petraeus pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 2 years' probation and a \$100,000 fine.

Maher said Bales would likely request a commutation of the life-without-parole sentence "to provide a chance to one day be returned to his wife and children."

In the early morning hours of March 11, 2012, Bales left his base, Camp Belambay, in Kandahar, armed with an M4 carbine and M9 pistol, and headed to a nearby village, where he killed four people, including a child, and assaulted six others. He returned to base for more ammunition before walking to another village, where he killed a dozen more, mainly women and children, in their beds.

It was his first tour in Afghanistan, three in Iraq. According to court documents, he had been drinking that evening and taken sleeping pills and also was using anabolic steroids, known to cause mood swings.

He pleaded guilty on June 5, 2013, and was sentenced to life without parole in the maximum-security military prison at Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

Bales' next step is the Supreme Court. In a petition filed May 19, Bales' attorneys argued that evidence was withheld during the former soldier's trial that could have influenced the sentence.

Prosecutors, the petition said, failed to disclose that servicemembers, including Bales, were ordered to take an anti-malaria medicine, mefloquine, that is known to cause nightmares, anxiety, anger and psychosis in some patients.

It also alleges that the prosecution failed to divulge evidence that three relatives of Bales' victims who testified in his sentencing were linked to roadside bomb attacks on coalition forces, according to U.S. military databases, or had been detained as Taliban associates.

"The idea is not so much we want to exonerate Bob Bales," Maher told McClatchy. "But he's an American soldier who walked into combat four times. Understandably, there's going to be a breaking point for even the strongest people around, and he deserves every protection the Constitution provides."

Maher said Bales took mefloquine during a 2003-2004 tour in Iraq and 2012. The malaria drug is known to cause neurological and inner ear problems, including debilitating vertigo, in a small percentage of users. Case studies show it also has caused psychotic behavior and paranoid delusions in some troops.

Maher argued that a 2012 Pentagon memo on undocumented use of mefloquine by troops was not disclosed, nor was an anonymous report from a pharmacist to the FDA that a patient taking mefloquine, presumably Bales, had killed more than a dozen people in Afghanistan.

But Army judges rejected the mefloquine argument as speculative. They also found the argument that prosecution falsely portrayed several witnesses as farmers, rather than known associates to IED events or the Taliban, "unfounded." The ruling was affirmed by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces in February.

Retired Army Lt. Col. Jay Morse, who led the government's prosecution team in 2013, said the petition contained "embellishments and flat-out misistruths."

Morse said the defense has misrepresented how mefloquine became an issue, adding

that the government disclosed Bales' medical records and furnished all the information and subject matter experts, including psychiatrists and psychologists, that were requested by the defense team members.

"None of them raised this issue," he said. "There continues to be zero evidence that Bales was provided mefloquine."

Morse said the prosecution was aware that one witness, Mullah Baaran had been detained at a facility in Parwan, Afghanistan, but he "takes a pretty significant exception that he was tied into terrorist activities."

"My recollection is that he spent one day detained at a facility nowhere near Panjwayi, and my recollection is he was rolled up with people working in a poppy field. Saying that he was tied up with terrorist activity — is just wrong," he said.

Maher's firm, Maher Legal Services, had already asked the president to pardon former Army 1st Lt. Clint Lorance, who was convicted in 2012 of ordering the shootings of three Afghan men on a motorcycle; two died, including a village elder. Lorance is serving 19 years at the military prison at Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

The Supreme Court justices were to review Bales' case in conference Thursday.

Maher knows the chance of the court accepting the case is slim. If rejected, he plans to petition the U.S. District Court in Kansas. If those appeals are unsuccessful, he will ask the president for clemency.

"There has to be some measure of institutional responsibility on the part of the nation and/or the Army to recognize that even the strongest, most resilient individuals reach a breaking point," Maher said.

The Supreme Court likely won't take the case, said Eric Montalvo, a former Marine Corps attorney who runs a civilian defense firm in Washington and is not affiliated with the case.

## Huey replacement contract expected by end of year

BY WILLIAM HOWARD  
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The Air Force is expected to award a contract by the end of the year to replace all active-duty UH-1N Huey helicopters, the service announced Thursday.

The Air Force will deliver replacement aircraft, pending an environmental analysis, to at least seven bases between 2020 and 2032, according to a service statement.

In 2016, the vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff approved the purchase of 84 new aircraft to replace the 46-year-old fleet. The Air Force had 59 Huays active as of 2015, according to the most recent figures on the service's website.

Current competitors for the contract include the Sikorsky HH-60U Black Hawk, an upgraded UH-60L Black Hawk called the Force Hawk by Sierra Nevada Corp., and a militarized version of the AgustaWestland AW139 by Boeing and Leonardo.

The contract was originally to be awarded by the third quarter of fiscal 2018, but a preaward protest by Sikorsky over control

of intellectual property rights delayed the final decision.

Current UH-1N Huey locations include Eglin Air Force Base's Duke Field, Fla.; Fairchild Air Force Base, Md.; F.E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyo.; Joint Base Andrews-National Air Facility, Md.; Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M.; Malmstrom Air Force Base, Mont.; and Minot Air Force Base, N.D.

The Huey's primary missions include airlifts of emergency security forces, security and surveillance of off-base nuclear weapons convoys, and distinguished visitor transportation, according to the Air Force.

The Army flew its last UH-1 Huey on Dec. 15, 2016, while the Navy lists the HH-1N Iroquois variant as active for shore-based search and rescue duties.

The last combat deployment of the UH-1N by the Marines was to Afghanistan in 2010, and the service retired the helicopter during a ceremony at Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base New Orleans in 2014.

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A UH-1N Huey helicopter from the 37th Helicopter Squadron at F.E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyo., performs close air support during a exercise in the Powder River Training Complex, S.D., in 2017. DONALD C. KNECHTEL/Courtesy of U.S. Air Force

## MILITARY



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**Lt. Gen. Richard Clark, the 3rd Air Force commander, left, hands the 31st Fighter Wing guidon to Brig. Gen. Daniel Lasica, the incoming 31 Fighter Wing commander, during a change-of-command ceremony Thursday at Aviano Air Base, Italy.**

## Lasica takes command of Aviano's 31st Fighter Wing

Stars and Stripes

AVIANO AIR BASE, Italy — Brig. Gen. Daniel T. Lasica took command of the 31st Fighter Wing in a ceremony on Thursday.

Lasica assumed command from Brig. Gen. Lance Landrum, whose next assignment will be deputy director of force structure, resources and assessment at the Pentagon. Landrum took command of the wing in June 2016.

Lasica, who has never been stationed in Europe, had been the

commander of the 20th Fighter Wing at Shaw Air Force Base, S.C. A 1994 graduate of the Air Force Academy, he has held overseas assignments at Osan Air Base in South Korea and command of the 838th Air Expeditionary Advisory Group in Afghanistan.

He is rated a command pilot with 3,875 credited hours in the F-16, the T-37, the C-208 and the Mi-17.

Lasica becomes the 16th commander of the wing since it activated at Aviano on April 1, 1994,



**Brig. Gen. Daniel Lasica speaks during Thursday's change-of-command ceremony at Aviano Air Base, Italy. Lasica took over the only permanently assigned U.S. Air Force fighter aircraft wing in NATO's southern region.**

and the 45th American commander at Aviano since operations began on Feb. 16, 1955.

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## VA: Veteran suicide statistic included active-duty troops

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WASHINGTON — For years, the Department of Veterans Affairs reported an average of 20 veterans die by suicide every day — an oft-cited statistic that raised alarm nationwide about the rate of veteran suicide.

However, the statistic has long been misunderstood, according to a report released this week.

The VA now has revealed the average daily number of veteran suicides always has included deaths of active-duty servicemembers and members of the National Guard and the Reserve, not just veterans.

Craig Bryan, a psychologist and leader of the National Center for Veterans Studies, said the new information now could help advocates in the fight against military and veteran suicide.

"The key message is that suicides are elevated among those who have ever served," Bryan said. "The benefit of separating out subgroups is that it can help us identify higher risk subgroups of the whole, which may be able to

help us determine where and how to best focus resources."

The VA released its newest National Suicide Data Report on Monday, which includes data from 2005 through 2015. Much in the report remained unchanged from two years ago, when the VA reported suicide statistics through 2014. Veteran suicide rates are still higher than those of the rest of the population, particularly among women.

In both reports, the VA said an average of 20 veterans succumbed to suicide every day. In its newest version, the VA was more specific.

The report shows the total is 20.6 suicides every day. Of those, 16.8 were veterans and 3.8 were active-duty servicemembers, guardsmen or reservists, the report states. That amounts to 6,132 veterans and 1,387 servicemen who died by suicide in one year.

The VA's 2012 report stated 22 veterans succumbed to suicide every day — a number that's still often cited incorrectly. That number also included active-duty troops, guardsmen and reserv-

ists, VA Press Secretary Curt Cashour said Wednesday.

VA officials determine the statistic by analyzing state death certificates and calculating the percentage of veterans out of all suicides. The death certificates include a field designating whether the deceased ever served in the U.S. military.

Information in the 2012 report wasn't as complete as the newer ones. At the time, only 21 states shared information from their death certificates. California and Texas, which have large veteran populations, were two of the states that didn't provide their data.

"Since that report was released, we have been closely collaborating with the [Department of Defense] to increase our level of accuracy in reporting," Cashour wrote in an email.

To contact the Veterans Crisis Line, veterans, servicemembers or their families can call 1-800-273-8255 and press 1. They also can text 838255 or visit veteranscrisisline.net for assistance.

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## Navy's top NCO on leave amid misconduct probe

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WASHINGTON — The Navy's senior enlisted sailor has taken leave as the service's inspector general probes allegations that he fostered a hostile work environment in his Pentagon office, Navy officials said Thursday.

Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Steven Giordano remains in his role as the service's top enlisted leader. However, he could remain leave throughout the remainder of the investigation into claims of misconduct, a Navy official said on the condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the ongoing case.

Giordano requested the leave, which was granted, Cmdr. William Speaks, a Navy spokesman said Thursday. Speaks and other officials declined to discuss when Giordano requested the leave or whether it was directly tied to the IG probe.

The investigation was initiated last month following a formal complaint by a sailor working for Giordano, alleging he created a toxic work environment and belittled people who worked for him, often demanding they perform menial tasks, officials said.



**Giordano**

Giordano, who enlisted in 1989, is the 14th master chief petty officer of the Navy, according to his official biography. He is native of Baltimore. In addition to multiple deployments aboard surface ships and submarines in the Pacific and European areas of responsibility, Giordano has served in Guam and Bahrain. He was the force master chief for Navy Information Dominance Forces and fleet master chief for U.S. Naval Forces Europe and Africa.

As the Navy's senior enlisted leader, Giordano serves as a chief adviser to Adm. John Richardson, the chief of naval operations, and develops policy and advocates for the sea service's enlisted force.

Master chief petty officers of the Navy typically serve two-year assignments, which can be extended to four years. Navy officials declined to speculate on Giordano's future with the service before the IG investigation is completed.

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## National Mall site selected for Desert Storm memorial

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WASHINGTON — A federal commission on Tuesday approved a site on the National Mall for the future National Desert Storm and Desert Shield War Memorial after several months of debate over whether to choose another location along the Potomac River.

The U.S. Commission on Fine Arts voted to place it on a quarter-acre site at the southwest corner of 23rd Street and Constitution Avenue, a decision celebrated by supporters who advocated for a spot on the National Mall during the three-year site-selection process.

Rep. Phil Roe, R-Tenn., Sen. Joe Donnelly, D-Ind., and Joe Davis, spokesman for the Veterans of Foreign Wars, spoke at the commission meeting and urged members to choose the Mall site.

Four members voted in favor of the location, one opposed it and one member abstained from voting. It was a reversal of their decision in March to put the memorial on the Belvedere, a portion

of land along the Potomac River at the western end of Constitution Avenue.

The commission was forced to reconsider their previous decision Thursday because another federal board tasked with choosing the memorial location — the National Capital Planning Commission — decided on the 23rd-and-Constitution site. According to federal statute, both commissions, along with the National Park Service, must agree on a location.

The National Desert Storm War Memorial Association, which is responsible for the planning and construction of the memorial, opposed the Belvedere site because it is difficult to access from other war memorials.

President Donald Trump signed a resolution in March approving a Desert Storm and Desert Shield memorial in Washington. The association is responsible for all aspects of the memorial, including fundraising, design and construction. It's estimated to cost about \$25 million and to be completed in 2021.

# INDEPENDENT NEWS FOR THE U.S. MILITARY COMMUNITY

**Whenever They Fight and Wherever They Live**

The first Stars and Stripes was printed during the Civil War, when a band of Union soldiers published a handful of editions.

During World War I, Stars and Stripes reappeared in Paris on February 8, 1918, to serve the doughboys of the American Expeditionary Force (AEF), by order of General of the Armies John J. Pershing. An all-military staff produced it weekly until the war's end.

A second renaissance began on April 18, 1942, when a small group of servicemen began publishing a four-page weekly Stars and Stripes in London. They sold each copy for "tuppence" (about 5 cents) and in no time doubled their page count to eight pages, printing daily instead of weekly.

The first World War II edition of Stars and Stripes featured an interview with Gen. George C. Marshall, Army Chief of Staff. Marshall quoted Gen. Pershing, World War I Commander of the AEF, who described Stripes as a major factor in sustaining morale. Stars and Stripes later found a champion and protector in Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Supreme Allied Commander and later president of the United States.

Eisenhower enforced a hands-off policy in regard to Stars and Stripes that continues to the present day.

Operations expanded, following GIs to the battlefield to bring them the news. During the war, Stars and Stripes published over 30

separate editions, running up to 24 pages per issue.

At one time, Stars and Stripes had some 25 printing locations in Europe, North Africa, the Middle East and the Pacific. The Pacific edition was launched a week after VE day (Victory in Europe, May 8, 1945).

The war ended—but Stars and Stripes kept going. Its reporters and photographers continued to join American troops in the field, throughout the Korean and Vietnam conflicts, during the 1990s Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, and in Bosnia and Kosovo.

From the 2003 outset of Operation Enduring Freedom, Stars and Stripes was there to report first-hand. The war in Afghanistan continues to receive steady coverage. And during Operation Iraqi Freedom, Stripes reporters embedded with military units in Kuwait and Iraq, as well as on Navy ships in the region.

Stars and Stripes today is a multimedia news organization. The majority of Stars and Stripes unique reporting efforts is read now in digital form, either online at [stripes.com](http://stripes.com) or via mobile offerings for iPhone, Android and iPad, in over 200 countries around the world.

The print newspaper is still available for servicemembers, government civilians and their families in



Europe, the Middle East and the Pacific—and in contingency areas. Washington, D.C., hosts the Central office, where daily editions are transmitted to printers in Afghanistan, Qatar, Bahrain, Kuwait, and Djibouti, as well as in Germany, Italy, UK, Japan, and South Korea. Stars and Stripes also publishes several weeklies (Stripes Guam, Japan, Korea and Okinawa), designed to serve the

needs of their respective military communities.

A U.S. edition comprised exclusively of Stars and Stripes reports from around the world now serves stateside forces and veterans. The U.S. edition is published in partnership with commercial newspaper publishers who serve communities with large military populations.

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Recipient: Laura Rauch

### ★ 2013 Military Reporters and Editors Awards – Notable Narrative Winner

Recipient: Laura Rauch

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★ 2009 George Polk Awards in Journalism – George Polk Award for Military Reporting Recipients: Charlie Reed, Leo Shane III and Kevin Baron

★ 2007 Military Reporters and Editors Awards – Overseas coverage (> 100,000 circulation) Recipient: Monte Morin

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Photography: Fred Zimmerman

★ 2004 American Legion Excellence in Journalism Award – Ground Truth Series

★ 2003 Scripps Howard Foundation National Journalism Award – First Amendment, Finalist

## NATION

# GOP immigration push faces uphill battle

BY LISA MASCARO  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The House killed a hard-right immigration bill Thursday, and Republican leaders delayed a planned vote on a compromise GOP package with the party's lawmakers fiercely divided over an issue that has long confounded the party.

The conservative measure's 231-193 defeat set the stage for debate on the second bill, this one crafted by Republican leaders in hopes of finding an accord between the party's sparing moderate and conservative wings. That bill was considered too lenient by some conservatives and seemed likely to fall, too, and aides said the final roll call would wait till Friday.

Rejection of both would represent an embarrassment for President Donald Trump, who had embraced them. The battle over immigration has been intensified by heartbreaking images of migrant children separated from families and complicated by opaque statements by Trump.

At the White House, Trump defended his administration's "zero tolerance" policy of prosecuting all migrants caught illegally entering the country, a change that has caused thousands of families to be detained while the parents are detained. He said without it, "you would have a run on this country the likes of which nobody has ever seen."

He said he was inviting Congress' top two Democrats, House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi and Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, to the White House for immigration bargaining. He called them "extremist open-border Democrats."

In a tweet that seemed to undermine House leaders' efforts to round up votes, he questioned the purpose of their legislation by



RICHARD DREW/AP

**A woman and children enter the Cayuga Centers in New York, on Thursday. New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio says he learned Wednesday that hundreds of migrant children separated from their parents by federal immigration officials are being cared for in the facility.**

suggesting it was doomed in the Senate anyway.

Trump issued an executive order Wednesday aimed at reversing his own policy of taking immigrant children from their detained parents, but emotions remained high.

"I was welcomed here," a tearful Rep. Norma Torres, D-Calif., said during House debate, describing her journey to the U.S. as a child from Guatemala. "I was not put in a freezing cell."

In an embarrassing detour, the House used an early procedural vote to correct what Republicans called a drafting error — language providing \$100 billion more than they'd planned to help build Trump's proposed bor-

der wall with Mexico. Instead of giving initial approval for \$24.8 billion spread over the next five years, the legislation said it would open the door to \$24.8 billion "for each" of the next five years.

The rejected compromise bill would have granted no pathway to citizenship for young "Dreamers" who arrived in the country illegally as children, curbed legal immigration and bolstered border security.

The second was a compromise between GOP moderates and the party's conservatives that included an opportunity for citizenship for the young immigrants. It provides \$25 billion for Trump's wall, restrictions on legal immigration and language requiring the

Homeland Security Department to keep migrant families together while they're being processed for illegal entry to the U.S.

Democrats oppose both measures as harsh.

"It is not a compromise," House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., told reporters. "It may be a compromise with the devil, but it is not a compromise with the Democrats."

In the unlikely event that the House approved the GOP compromise, it seemed certain to go nowhere in the GOP-run Senate. Democrats there have enough votes to use procedural delays to kill it. Sixty votes are needed to end filibusters.

## First lady makes visit to detention facility

Associated Press

MCALLEN, Texas — Melania Trump made an unannounced visit to a Texas facility Thursday to get a firsthand look at some of the migrant children sent there by the U.S. government after their families entered the country illegally.

The first lady's stop at Upbring New Hope Children's Center in McAllen came the morning after President Donald Trump signed an executive order halting the practice of separating these families. She was considering a visit to a second facility later in the day where children housed in cages were seen by The Associated Press last week. Trump had come under pressure to stop the practice, including from GOP allies and the first lady herself,

following a public outcry sparked by widespread images of children held in fence-like structures.

The trip was intended to lend support to those children who remain separated from their parents, said Stephanie Grisham, the first lady's spokeswoman.

"She wanted to see everything for herself," Grisham said.

The president had insisted incorrectly that his administration had no choice but to separate families apprehended at the border because children cannot go to jail with adults who are being criminally prosecuted for crossing the border illegally. Trump had said only Congress could fix the problem and he specifically pointed a finger at Democrats.

He reversed course Wednesday by signing the order ending separations and keeping families since May, remains.



ANDREW HARNIK/AP

**First lady Melania Trump visits the Upbring New Hope Children Center run by the Lutheran Social Service of the South in McAllen, Texas, on Thursday.**

together when they are in custody, at least for the next few weeks. The administration's "zero-tolerance" policy of criminally prosecuting illegal border-crossers, which has led to the removal of some 2,300 children from their parents since May, remains.

## DOD lawyers to assist with caseload

BY ROSE L. THAYER  
*Stars and Stripes*

AUSTIN, Texas — The Defense Department has sent 21 attorneys experienced in criminal trials to southern border states to assist the Justice Department with immigrant cases, according to information from both departments.

Earlier this month, Defense Secretary Jim Mattis authorized the attorneys to serve as special assistant U.S. attorneys as requested by the Justice Department, said Army Lt. Col. Jamie Davis, a Defense Department spokesman. The attorneys will assist the Justice Department for no more than 179 days, starting this month.

As special assistants, the attorneys are expected to assist in prosecuting misdemeanor improper entry and felony illegal entry cases, said a DOJ spokesman who spoke on the condition of anonymity. If these cases go to trial, the attorneys could serve as co-counsel with an assistant U.S. attorney.

This request is intended to fill a staffing shortage until the Justice Department can hire 35 new assistant U.S. attorneys to serve along the southwest border that Attorney General Jeff Sessions announced in May.

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## Texas: Lawmakers express concerns over housing plan

FROM FRONT PAGE

"We have housed refugees. We have housed people thrown out of their homes by earthquakes and hurricanes. We do whatever is in the best interest of the country," he said Wednesday to reporters outside the Pentagon.

Last week, Texas politicians expressed concern over the distraction that housing migrant children on a military base could cause.

U.S. Rep. Jodey Arrington, R-Lubbock, who represents Dyess, said he is "paying close attention and gathering the facts regarding what this would mean for Dyess if the base is selected." He said he was not convinced that this is the best short-term answer. While he supports enforcing the rule of law, Arrington said he's con-

cerned if the plan "harms regular base operations, crowds our servicemembers and disrupts from the mission of defense."

Six state legislators, all Democrats, sent a letter last week to Nielsen and HHS' Office of Refugee Resettlement Director Scott Lloyd opposing the plan and stating there would be no need for this housing if the Trump administration "was not unnecessarily procressing asylum seekers."

"Further, the clear purpose of military bases is for armed services operations and housing of military personnel," states the letter, signed by Texas Sen. José Rodriguez and Reps. Joe C. Pickett, Joseph E. Moody, Mary E. González, César Blanco and Eva-Lina "Lina" Ortega.

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## NATION

# Trump proposes merging education, labor agencies

By KEN THOMAS

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WASHINGTON — The Trump administration Thursday proposed a major reorganization of the federal government that calls for merging the education and labor departments, moving the federal food stamp program to the Department of Health and Human Services and renaming that agency.

Mick Mulvaney, director of the Office of Management and Budget, told The Associated Press in an interview that the effort is part of the president's "drain the swamp" agenda" and was aimed at streamlining a long list of overlapping regulations and department functions.

The sweeping reorganization proposal is the result of a presidential order signed by Trump in March 2017 calling for a review of the federal government aimed at identifying redundancies and streamlining agencies. It's the latest in a long line of federal government overhaul proposals an-

nounced by administrations from both parties.

Mulvaney pointed to the fact that there are more than 40 job training programs spread across 16 cabinet agencies — just one of a list of examples he cited.

"If it's cheese pizza, it's FDA, but you put pepperoni on it and it becomes a USDA product. I mean, come on?" he said. "An open-faced roast beef sandwich is USDA, a closed-faced roast beef sandwich is FDA. Not making this up. You can't make this kind of stuff up. This would only happen in the government."

Among the specific proposals outlined is a plan to merge the departments of education and labor into a single Department of Education and the Workforce, or DEW. The combined agency would oversee programs for students and workers, ranging from education and developing skills to workplace protections and retirement security.

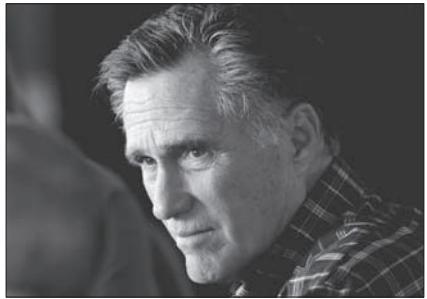
The plan would also create a single food safety agency under

the Department of Agriculture and move the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program from the USDA to Health and Human Services, which would be renamed the Department of Health and Public Welfare and be refocused more broadly on public assistance programs.

Housing programs run by the USDA would also move to the Department of Housing and Urban Development and certain functions of the Army Corps of Engineers would be moved to the departments of transportation and interior.

The U.S. Office of Personnel Management's policy function would be moved into the Executive Office of the President, while background checks would move over to the Department of Defense.

Mulvaney said the plan was "not designed as a cost-saving" or as "a way to reduce the size of government" but said: "If efficiency drives you there, there's nothing wrong with that."



RICK BOWMER/AP

**Former Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney, who is seeking a U.S. Senate seat in Utah, was once a leading "Never Trump" figure. But now he says he wants to work with the president.**

## Romney's evolution on Trump mirrors party

By STEVE PEOPLES  
AND LINDSAY WHITEHURST  
*Associated Press*

PARK CITY, Utah — Mitt Romney did not ride a donkey.

But the one-time presidential nominee and now candidate for Senate did cheer enthusiastically at a donkey basketball game, campaigning the ground in Utah like a homegrown hero — even though he grew up somewhere else. What he isn't doing much is talking about President Donald Trump.

Romney was once a leading figure in the "Never Trump" movement, but now he says he wants to work with the president. What does his evolution mean for Republicans still opposed to Trump?

### What's happening

who shared their reaction on and off the record: "No matter how you feel, stop fighting Trump; it's not worth it."

While many Republicans in Congress got that message after the 2016 election, for a smaller group of others, quiet conversations had continued about the possibility of mounting a 2020 challenge against him — either in a Republican primary or as an independent. Romney's position doesn't kill their prospective plans, but it makes them harder to pull off with any legitimacy.

### What to watch

Will Romney continue his deferential tone with Trump after his Republican Senate primary? In a heavily Republican state, his election to the U.S. Senate is all but assured if he wins the primary as expected.

Many Trump skeptics in the Republican establishment hope Romney will emerge as a Trump cudgel when he gets to Washington.

It could be that Romney has simply been downplaying his opposition to the Republican president in recent months to avoid inflaming Trump's loyal supporters before next week's Republican-on-Republican contest. Or, as some of his closest advisers suggest, it could be that Romney was never going to be the Trump antagonist that some hoped for.

Either way, the 71-year-old Republican leader should have an extraordinary megaphone on Capitol Hill that will help elevate his standing as a freshman.

### One last thing

Despite all the interest in his relationship with the president, Romney isn't running as a big shot.

The one-time political celebrity is turning down national media requests in favor of local outlets.

The aim is to convince Utah voters that he knows state issues and priorities. And he'll use his clout on their behalf in Washington.

## Calif. court hears tales of couple's shackled, starved, too-thin kids

By AMY TAXIN  
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*Associated Press*

RIVERSIDE, Calif. — Two pale, malnourished girls are photographed shackled to bunk beds. Their sister, who surreptitiously snapped the photos, is heard pleading in a 911 call for someone to come and save her siblings.

"They will wake up at night and they will start crying and they wanted me to call somebody," the 17-year-old tells the dispatcher in a quivering, childlike voice.

A judge reviewed the evidence at a preliminary hearing Wednesday to decide whether a California couple will face trial on allegations of subjecting most of their 13 children to years of filth, starvation and bizarre abuse that included feeding them moldy pies and sometimes caging them to punishment.

David and Louise Turpin have pleaded not guilty to torture, child abuse and other charges. Each is being held on \$12 million bail and could face up to life in prison if convicted.

The couple was arrested in January after their 17-year-old daughter, who had spent two years planning an escape, climbed out a window and left the home in Perris, then called 911. By the time police arrived at the house 70 miles southeast of Los Angeles, two girls, 11 and 14, had been hastily released from their chains when police showed up, but a 22-year-old son remained shackled. The young man said he and



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Louise Turpin, left, and her husband, David Turpin, right, have pleaded not guilty to child abuse, torture and other charges.

his siblings had been suspected of stealing food and being disrespectful, Riverside County sheriff's Det. Thomas Salisbury said. The man said he had been tied up with ropes at first but later, after learning to wriggle free, restrained with increasingly larger chains on and off over six years.

Prosecutors also showed photos of the girls that their 17-year-old sister had snapped with an old cellphone before fleeing. The photos drew gasps from some court attendees.

Sheriff's deputy Daniel Brown said one daughter told him that she knew her sister had contacted police when she heard a knock at the door and saw flashing lights outside the window.

"She said she was finally going

to become free," Brown said.

Investigators testified that the Turpin children, ranging in age from 2 to 29, lived mostly in locked rooms and were deprived of food, toys, games, schooling and most outside contact. The oldest son attended classes at a local community college but investigators have said his mother waited outside the classroom and immediately brought him home after classes.

Senior investigators with the county district attorney's office testified that doctors and medical records showed some of the children were severely malnourished and had muscle wasting, with some adult children being 32 pounds underweight.



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## NATION



Fans and mourners of rap singer XXXTentacion make an "X" sign by a memorial Tuesday outside Riva Motorsports in Deerfield Beach, Fla., where the troubled rapper-singer was killed the day before.

## Suspect arrested in rapper XXXTentacion's Fla. slaying

By FREIDA FRISARO  
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*Associated Press*

**FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla.** — Authorities in Florida have arrested a suspect in the killing of rising rap star XXXTentacion, who was fatally shot in his luxury BMW electric car as he left an upscale motorcycle dealership.

Derrick Devonshay Williams, 22, of Pompano Beach, was arrested shortly before 7 p.m. Wednesday, the Broward Sheriff's Office said in a news release sent Thursday morning. XXXTentacion, 20, whose given name was Jahseh Dwayne Onfroy, was gunned down Monday, bringing a violent end to a brief music career that was marked by controversy and arrests.

Authorities said the rapper was ambushed by two suspects. They did not give a motive in announcing Williams' arrest but had previously said the shooting was an apparent robbery attempt.

XXXTentacion's attorney, David Bogenszutz, said Tuesday that investigators told him the rapper had visited a bank shortly before the shooting and possibly withdrew cash to buy a motorcycle.

at Riva Motorsports in Deerfield Beach.

Williams is charged with first-degree murder without premeditation, a probation violation and for not having a valid driver's license. He was being held without bond in the Broward County Jail on Thursday.

Court records show Williams has been charged previously with several felonies, including grand theft auto, domestic violence, cocaine possession and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. It does not appear, however, that he has ever done prison time for those charges and some of them were dropped. Williams does not appear in the Florida Department of Corrections offender database.

An attorney for Williams was not listed in jail records.

No further details were immediately available.

XXXTentacion, who sported



XXXTentacion

dreadlocks and facial tattoos, was a rising star. He notched a No. 1 album in March with his sophomore effort "2" and had a top 10 hit with "Sad!"

But he also generated controversy. In 2016, he was arrested on charges including home invasion for a 2015 incident, and less than a month later was jailed on charges that he attacked his girlfriend, who was pregnant at the time. Later, he faced more charges including witness tampering.

In a recent interview with the Miami New Times, XXXTentacion described his upbringing, which included seeing his mother infrequently and being raised by friends, family and baby-sitters. His mother bought him clothes, phones and other gifts. He said he used violence so she would engage with him.

In one video on social media, he said, "If worse things come to worse, I (expletive) die a tragic death or some (expletive), and I'm not able to see out my dreams, I at least want to know that the kids perceive my message and were able to make something of themselves."

## Schools mum on ties to doctor in sex abuse inquiry

By KANTELE FRANKO  
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*Associated Press*

**COLUMBUS, Ohio** — A now-dead doctor accused of sexual misconduct by former student athletes at Ohio State University said he acted as a team physician at other universities, most of which won't say if they are reviewing those connections or whether any concerns were raised about him.

Ohio State employment records reviewed by The Associated Press indicate Richard Strauss worked at five schools in the decade between leaving the Navy as a submarine medic-instructor and joining the university in Columbus in 1978.

Strauss researched, taught or practised medicine at Harvard University, Rutgers University, the University of Pennsylvania, the University of Washington and the University of Hawaii, according to his resume.

He "remained within the academic community, acting as a part-time team physician at the universities with which I have been associated," according to a note from Strauss in 1980, about the time he was being considered for a leadership appointment in sports medicine at Ohio State. He didn't specify which teams with which he worked or in what capacity.

When contacted by the AP, most of the other schools in Strauss' work history would say or knew little about any ties to him or whether they were reviewing his work and affiliations.

Ohio State hasn't disclosed exactly how many people have raised allegations about Strauss or details about those claims. Reports of alleged misconduct have come



Strauss

from male athletes affiliated with 14 sports: baseball, cheerleading, cross country, fencing, football, gymnastics, ice hockey, lacrosse, soccer, swimming, tennis, track, volleyball and wrestling.

There are also allegations related to Strauss' private, off-campus medical office in Columbus, according to a law firm representing the university.

Ohio State said independent investigators have conducted or scheduled more than 130 interviews with people who reported having relevant information.

There is no standard response when schools learn a former employee later was accused of abuse, said Djuna Perkins, a lawyer who has conducted sexual misconduct investigations at dozens of universities. Some schools might investigate to ease any concerns, she said, but some might not see the value in that if no accuser has come forward at the institution.

"It would be typical to at least take a preliminary look to see, was this guy here? Did he have contact with students? And then if he did, was there anything we can do about it or should do about it?" she said.

On the other hand, she said, some schools might think, "Why take huge steps and get everyone rattled if in fact there is nothing?"

In such situations, lawyers probably would advise the school where allegations were raised not to notify other employers of the accused, because such issues are seen as personnel matters and not typically shared, Perkins said.

A spokesman for Ohio State wouldn't comment on whether it has contacted Strauss' other listed employers.

But Ohio State has done other outreach, emailing student athletes and other alumni from the mid-1970s to 2001 to ask that anyone with information contact investigators from Seattle-based law firm Perkins Coie.

## Sarah Palin's son moves to court program after assaulting father

By MARK THIESSEN  
*Associated Press*

**ANCHORAGE, Alaska** — Track Palin was formally accepted into a diversion court program Tuesday after assaulting his father, the former first gentleman of the state of Alaska, so severely it left him bleeding from the head.

Palin, the son of 2008 Republican vice presidential candidate

and former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin and Todd Palin, pleaded guilty to misdemeanor criminal trespass after breaking into the family home north of Anchorage last December. The change of plea will allow him to



Palin

take part in Alaska's Veterans Court, a therapeutic diversion program intended to rehabilitate veterans.

If he completes the program, he will serve 10 days in jail. But under the plea agreement, if he doesn't complete the Veterans Court program, he will serve a year in jail. Palin, 29, an Army veteran who served one year in Iraq, initially was charged with felony burglary and misdeame-

nial or counts of assault and criminal mischief.

Palin, who was dogged by television cameras at a Monday Veterans Court appearance, did not appear in the Anchorage courtroom for Tuesday's change of plea hearing, and instead was allowed to call in from Wasilla.

During Monday's informal Veterans Court session, Wallace asked Palin how things were going for him. "Doing good, sir," Palin responded, adding he was taking classes and learning patience.

ated Press and Anchorage television stations KTVA and KTUU. Judge David Wallace ruled the media and the public have a right to be in the courtroom, but didn't allow cameras in.

During Monday's informal Veterans Court session, Wallace asked Palin how things were going for him. "Doing good, sir," Palin responded, adding he was taking classes and learning patience.

## NATION

# RAREFIED AIR

## Ceremony honors veterans and fallen of WWII Battle for the Skies

BY CAROLINE HURLEY  
*Stars and Stripes*

WASHINGTON — During a ceremony honoring veterans and the fallen of the Battle for the Skies at the National World War II Memorial on Wednesday, Master of Ceremonies Jonathan Elias said that the Tuskegee Airmen never lost a plane that they were escorting.

Retired Air Force Col. Charles McGee wanted to clarify that.

After the ceremony, McGee — a pilot with the famed Tuskegee Airmen — said, “I put it this way — if you ever use the word ‘never,’ you need to qualify it. Never lost a plane in 172 missions — that’s a good statement. We flew 179, but looking back at the record, we still had the best win-loss ratio of the groups escorting for 15th Air Force. So always qualify ‘never.’ We had a good record.”

McGee flew 136 missions for the 302nd Fighter Squadron of the 332nd Fighter Group, more popularly known as the Tuskegee Airmen (after the Tuskegee Army Air Field, where they trained). The unit is known for breaking color barriers in WWII as the first black pilots in the U.S. armed forces, something of which McGee is extremely proud.

“We accomplished the unexpected,” he said. “There were those who thought that because of the happenstance of birth that we couldn’t do anything technical, but that wasn’t true. Once given the opportunity, we dispelled those biases, generalizations and, in some cases, racist ideas that had become a part of mobilization policy. Our performance helped bring about a change that was good for the country.”

An executive order by President Harry Truman ended the segregation of the military in 1948. McGee believes that the Tuskegee Airmen and their demonstrated flying skills helped bring about desegregation, despite the racism that he and the other pilots faced.

“The racism was there, but we didn’t let that be an impediment to our accomplishments and performance, and that’s what brought about the change — to realize that with good training, good leadership, which was also black, we accomplished something that was helpful and meaningful,” McGee said.

He later went on to fly 100 missions in the Korean War and 173 missions in Vietnam. He retired as a colonel after 30 years in the Air Force, with 6,305 flying hours logged over the course of his career.

McGee traveled from his home in Maryland to attend the ceremony at the memorial on Wednesday. He was joined by three other Air Force veterans and representatives from the air



**Above:** Air Force veteran Charles Drew salutes with a representative from the British Embassy and a volunteer from the memorial after placing a wreath at the National World War II Memorial in Washington on Wednesday.



**Left:** Washington Nationals pitcher Sean Doolittle shakes hands with Tuskegee Airman Charles McGee. Both were in attendance at a ceremony commemorating the veterans of the Battle for the Skies.

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*Stars and Stripes*

forces of other Allied nations, as well as Washington Nationals relief pitcher Sean Doolittle.

Doolittle was invited to the anniversary ceremony because he is a distant relative of Gen. James Doolittle, who commanded the aircraft during the bombing of Tokyo in 1942, which became known as the “Doolittle Raid.” The raid took place just four months after the surprise attack on Pearl Harbor, and Doolittle’s successful attack on the Japanese mainland proved a major morale boost for American forces.

Sean Doolittle wanted to stay out of the spotlight at the ceremony, despite his notoriety as a pro athlete. He spoke with all four of the veterans in attendance.

“I’m trying to take a back seat and just listen to some of their stories and talk to them. This is living history and just to share the stage in a figurative sense, is an

incredible honor,” Doolittle said.

The pitcher was able to talk to veterans of D-Day during a ceremony at Nationals Park on June 6, but Wednesday’s ceremony commemorating the Battle for the Skies held a special meaning for him. His Air Force connections run deep — his father is an Air Force veteran, his stepmother was in the Air National Guard, and his brother-in-law is an active-duty Air Force.

Speaking of the sacrifices of the WWII veterans he said, “It is so difficult for us to really put it in context. It seems like such an abstract thing for our generation, but this is pretty incredible ... I’m just trying to learn as much as I can and hear their stories.”

Sharing stories with Doolittle were Jack Goldstein and Lewis Perrone, both staff sergeants in the Eighth Air Force. Goldstein, who is 94, was a waist gunner on a

B-17, and Perrone, who is 95, was a ball turret gunner for the same plane.

Perrone says that being in the Army Air Forces was “tough,” but they both agree that it is important for them to share their stories with younger generations.

The military in the 1940s was “altogether different than it is today,” said Goldstein. “Today the

kids don’t know too much about it. In fact, one kid asked me, ‘What was World War eleven?’”

Charles Drew, who is 93, spends his time teaching young students about WWII. His daughter is a middle school history teacher, and he likes to visit her classroom to talk about what life was like when he was growing up.

“I advise them all — pay attention to the teachers; get an education. That’s very important in life. Grade school, high school. I enjoy doing that, meeting these children,” he said.

Drew was a tech sergeant with the Eighth Air Force during World War II. He was trained as a combat photographer and radio operator, flying information missions to photograph bombed-out bridges and roads in enemy territory. He retired as a master sergeant.

Decades after the air war ended, Drew said, there is one more mission that he hopes will be accomplished. The Eighth Air Force is searching for a lost trophy from the war — a flag presented to the 305th Bomb Group by the Army after the capture of Schweinfurt, Germany. The 305th bombed Schweinfurt before it was captured and suffered heavy losses.

“We’re looking for a flag that was presented to the 305th Bomb Group by the Army ... We lost so many airmen on that Schweinfurt raid because there was a mistake. Two bomb groups were to take off, and they were to split. One was to go to Regensburg, the other to Schweinfurt. And the fighter escort never got off the ground, so they got shot down. Our squadron sent out 15 [bombers] and got back two. That’s a heavy loss. So at the end of the war, the Army captured Schweinfurt and took the Nazi flag down. (Gen. ‘Tooeey’ Spaatz, who was commanding the Eighth, wrote an inscription on it, and he presented it to our bomb group,” said Drew.

Drew hopes that the flag will be found in his lifetime so that it can be displayed in the Eighth Air Force Museum. For now though, like the other veterans in attendance, he is happy to share his stories and preserve the legacy of WWII’s airmen.

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# WORLD

# Canada gives OK for legal cannabis

By ROB GILLIES

Associated Press

TORONTO — Marijuana will be legal nationwide in Canada starting Oct. 17 in a move that should take market share away from organized crime and protect the country's youth, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said Wednesday.

The Senate gave final passage to the bill to legalize cannabis on Tuesday, legislation that will make Canada only the second country in the world to make pot legal across the country.

Trudeau said provincial and territorial governments need the time to prepare for retail sales.

"It is our hope as of October 17 there will be a smooth operation of retail cannabis outlets operated by the provinces with an online mail delivery system operated by the provinces that will ensure that this happens in an orderly fashion," Trudeau said.

The prime minister said at a news conference that the goal is to take a significant part of the market share away from orga-



DARRYL DYCK, THE CANADIAN PRESS/AP

**People reach for joints being thrown into the crowd during the 4-20 annual marijuana celebration this year in Vancouver, British Columbia. Canada is allowing a nationwide, legal marijuana market starting Oct. 17.**

nized crime.

Canada is following the lead of Uruguay in allowing a nationwide, legal marijuana market, although each Canadian province is working up its own rules for pot sales. The federal government and the provinces also still need to publish regulations that will govern the cannabis trade.

"The legislation is transformative," said Justice Minister Jody Wilson-Raybould, adding it "marks a wholesale shift in how our country approaches cannabis, leaving behind a failed model of prohibition."

She urged Canadians to follow the existing law until the Cannabis Act comes into force.

"The law still remains the law," Wilson-Raybould said.

Many questions remain unanswered, including how police will test motorists suspected of driving under the influence, what to do about those with prior marijuana convictions and just how the rules governing home cultivation will work.

The Canadian provinces of Quebec and Manitoba have already decided to ban home-grown pot, even though the federal bill specifies that individuals can grow up to four plants per dwelling.

"Provinces can set their own laws. If individuals are challenging that law, they can challenge it," Wilson-Raybould said.

Trudeau said they are going to treat it like wine and tobacco, noting that few people will cultivate it at home, but it's necessary to fight organized crime.

Trudeau promised to legalize it during the 2015 election and had set a goal of July 1 for it. The provinces pleaded for more time.

Canadian marijuana stocks have rallied in anticipation of legalization and jumped again on Wednesday.

In the neighboring U.S., nine states and the District of Columbia have legalized marijuana. California, home to one in eight Americans, launched the United States' biggest legal marijuana marketplace on Jan. 1.

# Turkey's president says an election win would make him 'grandmaster'

By SUZAN FRASER  
Associated Press

ANKARA, Turkey — Since he took office in 2003, President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has given a name to each stage in his consolidation of power in Turkey. First he called himself the apprentice; then the journeyman; and latterly the master. Now, he says a new five-year term would elevate him to the role of "grandmaster" and help him make Turkey one of the world's top powers by the time the republic marks its centenary in 2023.

The most powerful and polarizing leader in Turkish history, Erdogan, 64, is standing for re-election in a presidential vote on Sunday that could cement Turkey's switch from a parliamentary to a presidential system, which was narrowly approved in a referendum last year. He would take an office with vastly expanded powers, in a system that critics have compared to one-man rule. His opponents have promised a return to a parliamentary system with a distinct separation of powers.

Opinion polls have put Erdogan several points ahead of his closest

competitor in the presidential race. However, he would need to win more than 50 percent of the votes for an outright first-round victory and that looks less likely. Analysts say the outcome could be decided in a second round runoff on July 8.

Erdogan, who has never lost an election, is this time around facing more robust opposition figures and parties cooperating with each other in an anti-Erdogan alliance. For the first time ever, Turkey will elect a new parliament at the same time, but his Justice and Development party's election campaign has appeared a little flat and uninspired, focusing on past achievements and making odd campaign promises such as the creation of neighborhood "reading houses" offering free tea and cakes. Analysts even speak of the possibility of Justice and Development losing its majority in Parliament.

(Erdogan) remains by far the most popular politician in Turkey," said Sinan Ulgen of the Istanbul-based EDAM think tank. "He is still the one that is the most likely to be elected, but it is not a foregone conclusion."

Erdogan called the presidential

and parliamentary elections more than a year earlier than scheduled amid signs that the Turkish economy may be heading toward a downturn. Despite strong growth figures, inflation and unemployment have hit double-digit figures while the lira has lost some 20 percent of its value against the dollar since the start of the year.

Additionally, the polls are being held as nationalist sentiment is high following a Turkish military operation into a Syrian border enclave earlier this year that drove away Syrian Kurdish fighters that Turkey brands as terrorists. Turkey has recently intensified air raids on a suspected Kurdish rebel stronghold in northern Iraq, a move that could further rally votes for Erdogan.

His critics say Erdogan, in pursuit of power, is turning the NATO country that once hoped to join the European Union into an increasingly authoritarian state. They accuse him of curtailing democracy and freedom of speech, of jailing opponents, including students, journalists and activists, especially following a failed military coup in 2016.



New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern and her partner, Clarke Gayford, pose with their newborn daughter at the Auckland City Hospital on Thursday.

Office of the Prime Minister of New Zealand

# New Zealand's prime minister gives birth to healthy baby girl

Associated Press

WELLINGTON, New Zealand — New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern gave birth to a daughter Thursday and posted a message welcoming the healthy newborn "to our village."

She is the second elected world leader to give birth while holding office after late Pakistan Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, who gave birth to daughter Bakhtawar in 1990.

"Welcome to our village wee one," Ardern wrote in the caption

# Israeli PM's wife charged

*The Washington Post*

JERUSALEM — Sara Netanyahu, the wife of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, was formally charged Thursday with fraud and breach of public trust in a long-running corruption case involving the use of outside caterers in the official prime minister's residence, state prosecutors said in a statement.

According to the indictment filed by prosecutors in the Jerusalem District Court, Sara Netanyahu and the former deputy director of the prime minister's office, Ezra Saloff, were charged with ordering meals to the residence worth \$59,000 between 2010 and 2013.

Although the prime minister is not implicated in this case, the charges against his wife could have far-reaching consequences for his political standing and appear likely to damage his image.

Israelis refer to the case against Sara Netanyahu as the "meals-ordering affair." The prime minister's wife and Saloff allegedly falsified documents so that food from outside companies and private chefs could be used, even though there was a full-time chef employed at the residence.

The indictment follows unsuccessful attempts to settle the matter outside court, with Sara Netanyahu refusing to pay back the amount she used for the meals and admit the allegations against her.

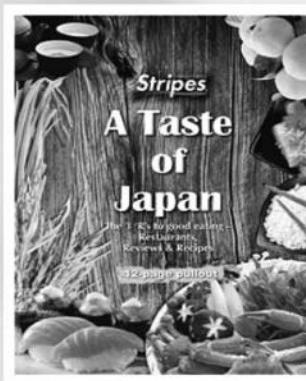
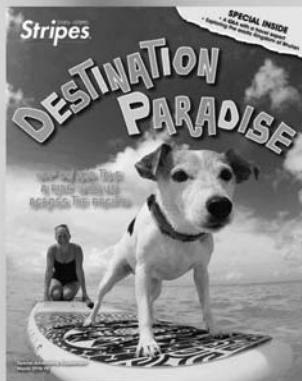
on Instagram. "Feeling very lucky to have a healthy baby girl."

The girl arrived at 4:45 p.m. weighing 7.3 pounds.

Ardern's pregnancy has been followed around the world, with many hoping the 37-year-old will become a role model for combining motherhood with political leadership.

Deputy Prime Minister Winston Peters has taken over as acting prime minister. Ardern plans to take six weeks of leave before returning to work.

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## BUSINESS/WEATHER

# Instagram unveils new video service expansion

By MICHAEL LIEDTKE  
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Facebook's Instagram service is loosening its restraints on video in an attempt to lure younger viewers away from YouTube when they're looking for something to watch on their smartphones.

The expansion announced Wednesday, dubbed IGTV, will increase Instagram's video time limit from one minute to 10 minutes for most users. Accounts with large audiences will be able

to go as long as an hour.

Video will be available through Instagram or a new app called IGTV. The video will eventually give Facebook more opportunities to sell advertising.

It's the latest instance in which Instagram has ripped a page from a rival's playbook in an effort to preserve its status as a cool place for young people to share and view content. In this case, Instagram is mimicking Google's YouTube. Before, Facebook and Instagram have copied Snapchat

— another magnet for teens and young adults.

Instagram, now nearly 8 years old, is moving further from its roots as a photo-sharing service as it dives headlong into longer-form video.

The initiative comes as parent company Facebook struggles to attract teens, while also dealing with a scandal that exposed its leaky controls for protecting users' personal information.

Instagram CEO Kevin Systrom told The Associated Press that he hopes IGTV will emerge

as a hub of creativity for relative unknowns who turn into internet sensations with fervent followings among teens and young adults.

That is what's already happening on YouTube, which has become the world's most popular video outlet since Google bought it for \$1.76 billion nearly 12 years ago. YouTube now boasts 1.8 billion users.

Instagram, which Facebook bought for \$1 billion six years ago, now has 1 billion users, up from 800 million nine months ago.

More importantly, 72 percent of U.S. kids ranging from 13 to 17 years old use Instagram, second to YouTube at 85 percent, according to the Pew Research Center. Only 51 percent of people in that group now use Facebook, down from 71 percent from a similar Pew survey in 2014-15.

That trend appears to be one of the reasons that Facebook is "hedging its bets" by opening Instagram to the longer-form video typically found on YouTube, said analyst Paul Verna of the research firm eMarketer.

## EXCHANGE RATES

### Military rates

Euro costs (June 22)	\$1,1823
Dollar buys (June 22)	€0,8458
British pound	1.35
Chinese yuan (June 22)	1.35
Japanese yen (June 22)	107,00
South Korean won (June 22)	1,079,00

### Commercial rates

Bahrain (Dinar)	0,3782
British pound	1,3248
Chinese yuan (June 22)	1,3519
China (Yuan)	6,4950
Denmark (Krone)	6,4317
Egypt (Pound)	1,3255
Fiji (Dollar)	1,1586 / 0,8631
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7,8456
Iceland (Icelandic króna)	1,3519
Israel (Shekel)	3,6191
Japan (Yen)	110,17
Kuwait (Dinar)	0,3545
Lithuania (Litas)	8,1453
Philippines (Peso)	53,42
Poland (Złoty)	3,73
Qatar (Riyal)	3,7262
Singapore (Dollar)	1,3585
South Korea (Won)	1,108,71
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	0,2929
Thailand (Baht)	32,93
Turkey (Lira)	4,7393

Note: Exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance.

For nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., rates between countries), you may check with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates. Rates are subject to change. Your buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies to one dollar, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-euro, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)

## MARKET WATCH

June 20, 2018

Dow Jones Industrials	<b>-42.41</b>
	24,657,80
Nasdaq composite	<b>55.93</b>
	7,781,51
Standard & Poor's 500	<b>4.73</b>
	2,767,32
Russell 2000	<b>13.54</b>
	1,706,99

## INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	5,00
Discount rate	2,50
Federal funds market rate	1,90
3-month bill	1,90
30-year bond	3,07

## WEATHER OUTLOOK

### FRIDAY IN THE MIDDLE EAST



### FRIDAY IN EUROPE



### SATURDAY IN THE PACIFIC



The weather is provided by the American Forces Network Weather Center, 2nd Weather Squadron at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.

# WEEKEND

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in Tokyo eatery

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## DINO-SIZED DILEMMA

Volcano, humans  
both pose threat  
in 'Jurassic World:  
Fallen Kingdom'

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## WEEKEND: GADGETS & CHARTS



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## Compulsive gaming officially a new mental health problem

BY JAMEY KEATEN  
AND MARIA CHENG  
*Associated Press*

**F**or video game addicts, it might soon be game over. In its latest revision to a disease classification manual, the World Health Organization said Monday that compulsively playing video games now qualifies as a mental health condition. The statement confirmed the fears of many parents, but led some critics to warn that it might risk stigmatizing young video players.

The U.N. health agency said classifying Gaming Disorder as a separate condition will "serve a public health purpose for countries to be better prepared to identify this issue."

Dr. Shekhar Saxena, director of WHO's department for mental health, said WHO accepted the proposal that Gaming Disorder should be listed as a new problem based on scientific evidence, in addition to "the need and the demand for treatment in many parts of the world."

Dr. Joan Harvey, a spokeswoman for the British Psychological Society, said only a minority of gamers would be affected by the disorder and warned that the new designation might cause unnecessary concern among parents.

**ON THE COVER:** Humans return to Isla Nublar in an attempt to save the dinosaurs from destruction in "Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom."

Universal Pictures

## ITUNES MUSIC

The top songs on iTunes for the week ending June 14:

1. "Girls Like You" (feat. Cardi B), Maroon 5
2. "Psycho" (feat. Ty Dolla \$ign), Post Malone
3. "I Like It," Cardi B, Bad Bunny & J Balvin
4. "Whatever It Takes," Imagine Dragons
5. "Lose It," Kane Brown
6. "No Tears Left to Cry," Ariana Grande
7. "Simple," Florida Georgia Line
8. "Nice For What," Drake
9. "In My Blood," Shawn Mendes
10. "Meant to Be," Bebe Rexha & Florida Georgia Line

— Compiled by AP

## SPOTIFY MUSIC

The top 10 songs on Spotify for the week ending June 19:

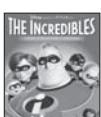
1. "SAD!," XXXTENTACION
2. "Jocelyn Flores," XXXTENTACION
3. "Moonlight," XXXTENTACION
4. "Chachacha," XXXTENTACION
5. "I Love" (feat. Trippie Redd), XXXTENTACION
6. "Everybody Dies In Their Nightmares," XXXTENTACION
7. "the remedy for a broken heart (why am I so in love)," XXXTENTACION
8. "Better Now," Post Malone
9. "Girls Like You" (feat. Cardi B), Maroon 5
10. "Lucid Dreams," Juice WRLD

— Compiled by Stars and Stripes

## ITUNES MOVIES

The top 10 movies on iTunes for the week ending June 17:

1. "Tomb Raider"
2. "The Incredibles"
3. "Game Night"
4. "Love, Simon"
5. "Black Panther"
6. "The Greatest Showman"
7. "Death Wish"
8. "I Can Only Imagine"
9. "Red Sparrow"
10. "Annihilation"



— Compiled by AP

## BOOKS

The top books on Apple's iBook charts for the week ending June 17:

1. "The President Is Missing," Bill Clinton & James Patterson
2. "When Life Gives You Lululemons," Amy Weisberger
3. "Something in the Water," Catherine Steadman
4. "The Outsider" Stephen King
5. "The Death of Mrs. Westaway," Ruth Ware
6. "Tom Clancy Line of Sight," Mike Maden
7. "Shelter in Place," Nora Roberts
8. "Kitchen Confidential," Anthony Bourdain
9. "Knocked Up," Stacey Lynn
10. "Turbulence," Stuart Woods

— Compiled by AP

## APPS

The top paid iPhone apps for the week ending June 17:

1. Bloons TD 6
2. Heads Up!
3. Minecraft
4. Flappy Inc.
5. Pendulum
6. Schedule
7. Bloons TD 5
8. Geometry Dash
9. PlantNap Plant Identification
10. Papa's Freezeria To Go!

— Compiled by AP

## GADGET WATCH

### Scanner turns negatives into positives

BY GREGG ELLMAN  
*Tribune News Service*

**M**any of us have boxes of negatives waiting for the day when we either buy a scanner to digitize them or take them to a retail location to be scanned. Either way, that day doesn't seem to have come yet.

As a photojournalist for 30-plus years, I have an endless number of negatives ready and waiting. Getting to the project has been my list since the digital era began 20 years ago.

Most people are just looking for a way to get the images into the digital world, not to make billboards out of them. This week I found my solution with the Kodak Scanza digital film scanner.

The easy-to-use scanner comes with all the adapters and inserts to convert 126, 110, super 8 and 8 mm, 35 mm film negatives and slides to jpeg files.

A little about the scanner: it measures just 4.7-by-4.7-by 5 inches and has a fold-out 3.5-inch LCD color display to clearly see the image you're working on.

Each image is scanned into optimized 14-megapixel or interpolated 22-megapixel digital files, which go directly onto an SD card. When you're done scanning, take the SD card and put it into your Mac or PC and work with your own photo editing software.

The scanner's size and the direct scan-to-memory cards enable great portability so you can do your scanning without being connected to your computer.

The scanner front has buttons for power and a one-step scan and save button, which makes it so easy.

You can make some image adjustments in the scanner for RGB levels and brightness levels.

A film cleaning brush, HDMI cables for viewing images on a TV, AC power adapter and a USB power cable are included. They all connect to the scanner on the back, which is where your SD memory card is inserted.

Before you begin your scanning, it would help to locate a small light table and a film loupe to make the project a little easier. Warning: my intention was to scan in only a few images; about 11 hours later, I was still at it. It's that easy, fun and productive.

Online: kodakphotoplus.com; \$169.99



**The Kodak Scanza digital film scanner** comes with all the adapters and inserts to convert 126, 110, super 8 and 8 mm, 35 mm film negatives and slides to jpeg files.

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## WEEKEND

# CHECK IT OUT

## Events, entertainment and other ways to fill your free time

# 1

### Linkin Park's Mike Shinoda works out grief on solo album

Mike Shinoda's not known for being emotional. The Linkin Park vocalist and sound wizard says he leans toward the technical and analytical. But when Linkin Park frontman Chester Bennington died last year, Shinoda had a lot of feelings to work through. He's released a solo album, "Post Traumatic," that spills exactly what he was feeling in the months after the tragedy. Shinoda never mentions

Bennington by name, but the first tracks deal heavily with raw, painful sadness. By the end, though, Shinoda's emerging from the tears.

Linkin Park fans might be encouraged by Shinoda's admission that he'd love to see some version of the band continue. Until that's sorted out, "Post Traumatic" can give voice to everyone's collective grief.

- **Shinoda profile and album review on Page 37.**



# 2

### The real-world jobs of Disney princesses

Ever wondered what the Disney princesses would do if they lived in the modern world and had jobs? We haven't either. But graphic artist Matt Burt has put months into imagining and illustrating what our lovely heroines would be up to. Moana, fresh from wayfinding duties in her 2016 film, would be a naval officer. Sleeping Beauty would see the error of her ways and be the CEO of Spinning Wheel Coffee. Cinderella would be an animal rights activist, and the Frozen sisters would be climate change scientists. Burt said his intent was to give these ladies mostly male-dominated careers that fit their personalities. Overall, he did a pretty magical job.

- **Story, images at [tinyurl.com/yc7hz2gb](http://tinyurl.com/yc7hz2gb).**



**ILLUSTRATION BY MATT BURT**  
Courtesy of SimpleThriftyLiving.com

**Disney princess Moana, a naval officer? Sure, why not.**

# 3

### Mr. Rogers' story now a movie

Decades before Dora — a year before "Sesame Street," even — there was "Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood." In 1968, a kindly, gentle man named Fred Rogers took to TV to communicate with children and introduce them to the land of Make-Believe. Fifty years later, the documentary "Won't You Be My Neighbor?" celebrates that man and his show.

- **Movie review on Page 25.**



**FOCUS FEATURES/AP**

# 4

### Cats take over 'Jurassic Park'

Cat lovers might have a hard time imagining their fury feline buddies as fearsome predators. An online video gives the child stars of the original "Jurassic Park" movie a mouse-eye view, replacing the freakishly clever raptors with giant cats in the kitchen scene. The swap works surprisingly well. Keep your kitty well fed, and don't let it watch dino DVDs and get any crazy ideas.

- **Watch it at [tinyurl.com/y8njvb8f](http://tinyurl.com/y8njvb8f).**

# WEEKEND: MOVIES

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# A conscientious sequel

Dinosaurs in 'Jurassic Park: Fallen Kingdom' are a parable of the treatment animals receive today

BY JAKE COYLE  
Associated Press

The dinosaurs of "Jurassic Park" are many things. They are special-effects wonders. They are unruly house guests. And they are some of the biggest, most foot-stomping metaphors around.

Since Steven Spielberg's 1993 original, the dinos of "Jurassic Park" — many of them not light on their feet to begin with — have been weighed down with meanings that sometimes shift movie to movie. If they look a touch tired in the latest "Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom," it could be from all the allegorical baggage they've been carrying.

Twenty-five years ago, the dinosaurs — wondrous and horrifying creations at once — stood for the magical but fearsome power of genetic engineering. In 2015's "Jurassic World," they were focus group-approved theme park attractions that doubled for Hollywood blockbusters themselves.

Now, in "Fallen Kingdom," the scaly ones — again threatened with extinction — are pursued by poachers and others who wish to capture and capitalize on an endangered if dangerous species. The theme appealed to Colin Trevorrow, the director of 2015's "Jurassic World," now serving as co-writer with Derek Connolly, and as executive producer, alongside Steven Spielberg.

"We have a relationship with animals on this planet that is tenuous and is strained. They suffer from abuse and trafficking and the consequences of our environmental choices," said Trevorrow. "To find a way to build essentially a children's franchise about how we have a responsibility to the creatures that we share the planet with felt like a worthwhile thing to do."

The animal-rights gambit of "Fallen Kingdom" — in which the dinosaurs leave the island in cages — has found a mixed critical reaction. Variety called it "a liberal pulp message movie" and "the first cautionary dinosaur-trafficking movie."

"We looked at real animal trafficking in the world and what that process is," said Trevorrow, who's writing and directing the third "Jurassic World" film. "First there's capture and then there's going to be an auction of some kind, a sale. We were following something that felt grounded

## Science runs amok

The "Jurassic Park" films are just the latest in a long line of films and television shows parading the horrific results of science experiments gone awry. Here are a few of the others.



### "Frankenstein" 1931

In this horror classic, based on the book that started it all, a scientist named Henry Frankenstein (Colin Clive) and his hunchback assistant Fritz (Dwight Frye) bring a dead man back to life, creating a body from parts collected from various dead people, including criminals. They succeed in bringing the creature (Boris Karloff) to life, but he ends up being much more than they can handle.



### "Westworld" 2016

This HBO series is set in a future where people pay top dollar to spend time living out their fantasies in a theme park populated by robots (the hosts) and hosts. Guests are free to do whatever they want, without fear of judgment or repercussions; the hosts' programming preventing them from harming humans. At least until the hosts, including and especially Dolores (Evan Rachel Wood), become self-aware.



### "Rampage" 2018

When an escape from a research space station disrupts a plan to repopulate Earth, an experimental pathogen designed to rewrite genetic code is accidentally spread across the U.S. The pathogen causes animals — among them an albino gorilla named George — to become gigantic and increasingly aggressive, particularly when exposed to a specific sonic trigger. Starring Dwayne Johnson.

SOURCE: Los Angeles Times

in the reality that we know. It's a rule that we have that we don't want the dinosaurs to do anything that real animals wouldn't or couldn't do."

The action takes place three years after the melee of "Jurassic World." A soon-to-erupt volcano on Isla Nublar has sparked public debate, complete with Congressional hearings: Should the dinosaurs be saved? An aid to John Hammond, the Jurassic Park founder, has convinced Dallas Bryce Howard's Claire Dearing (now a dino-rights activist) and Chris Pratt's former raptor wrangler Owen Grady to help get the dinosaurs off the island.

The more cloistered second half of the tale most interested Bayona, the Spanish filmmaker known

for "The Orphanage" and "A Monster Calls."

"The first time Colin told me about the story, he told me that the second half was going to be a haunted house story," said Bayona. "I thought that was going to be a lot of fun."

For anyone who recalls the frightful kitchen scene of "Jurassic Park," "Fallen Kingdom" doubles down on the suspense of dinosaurs in tight, domestic quarters, while channeling the franchise's contemplation of science into animal rights. Bayona traces the dinosaurs of "Jurassic World" to the kaiju of movies like "Godzilla."

"There's one line that I love at the beginning of the film when Ian Malcolm (Jeff Goldblum) refers to nuclear power. Nuclear power is the moment when man makes a pivotal change in history," said Bayona. "For the first time, man is over nature. That idea, which means crossing a red line, provokes monsters. The image of the atomic mushroom room is very similar to the T-Rex."

"Fallen Kingdom" also had more human issues to tackle. The high heels that Claire traipses through the jungle with in "Jurassic World" sparked criticism from many who derided the film for playing with outdated gender tropes. Trevorrow emphasized that that reaction was not worldwide.

"All that stuff was very domestic, but that didn't make it something that didn't deserve to be listened to," said Trevorrow. "So we thought about it. We thought about how that imagery and iconography was affecting certain people and where those responses were coming from. And we definitely applied that when we thought about the next movie."

Trevorrow had numerous conversations with Bayona and his producers about the issue. Now prepared for the jungle, Claire wears more appropriate footwear in "Fallen Kingdom," though Bayona playfully re-introduces her with a shot that opens on her heels.

"There's some irony in the way we introduce Claire because there was such a big controversy with the heels that I just wanted to start with a shot of the heels," said Bayona. "It was trying not to take the whole controversy too seriously."

But the real-world connections that most motivated the filmmakers had more to do with stories like that of the northern white rhino. The last male of the species died in March, a victim of poachers seeking its horns. Debate has followed over whether a "Jurassic Park"-like revival of the rhinos should be carried out.

"It has rendered a species extinct, and it's horrifying. And it's our fault as mankind. We did that," said Trevorrow. "It brings up a similar question that the movie brings up. If we did have this technology, if we could bring back the white rhinoceros, do we have a responsibility to do it? I don't personally know the answer to that."

## WEEKEND: MOVIES



**After the demise of the Jurassic World theme park on Isla Nublar, the dinosaurs roam freely and try to fight to survive on the island for three years until a volcanic eruption from Mount Sibo threatens their existence in "Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom," starring, from left, Chris Pratt, Bryce Dallas Howard and Isabella Sermon.**

UNIVERSAL PICTURES/AP

# Evolve, or go extinct

By LINDSEY BAHR  
Associated Press

**H**ere's the good news: "Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom" is more fun than "Jurassic World." It's not exactly a high bar, but still a welcome surprise. In the hands of a new director, J.A. Bayona, with Chris Pratt's high-wattage charisma on full blast and a fair amount of self-aware humor intact, there are certainly worse ways to spend a couple of hours in the air-conditioned multiplex this summer.

Mind you, this movie is pretty ridiculous and the script (from Colin Trevorrow and Derek Connolly) is not very clever — I found myself rolling my eyes almost as frequently as I found myself smiling with genuine delight. "Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom" will not stand up to rigorous scrutiny, and yet, it's kind of an enjoyable, preposter-

ous and thrilling ride that ticks through nostalgia beats like a shopping list.

It's a little sad how in this era of industrial franchise filmmaking, a three-year gap between films actually feels like quite a bit of time — or maybe it's just a testament to how grueling the past few years have been — but, hey, it did at least seem like the right time to check in with those dinosaurs again, although I worry that our emotional investment in Owen's connection with a velociraptor has been vastly overestimated.

After a very solid, and scary, beginning, with pouring rain and genuine suspense as some scientists venture back into the defunct Jurassic World to retrieve a dinosaur bone, a helpful newscaster orients the audience with a whole lot of exposition: It's been three years since Jurassic World closed; \$800 million

in damages have been paid out; and, most importantly, a dormant volcano has come back to life on the island and is about to cause an "extinction-level event" that will wipe out all the remaining dinosaurs.

The question of whether or not to let the dinos go extinct again has become a national debate, and Bryce Dallas Howard's Claire is leading the charge to try to save the animals. As a not-so-subtle nod to that other national debate about Claire's choice of footwear in "Jurassic World," our first shot of her is her feet in sky-high heels (the hiking boots she wears later for all the action get their own loving close-up too).

Essentially, and this is where the contrivances start, a wealthy, dying man, Benjamin Lockwood (James Cromwell), who is somehow connected to John Hammond, and his associate Eli

Mills (Rafe Spall) pitch Claire on an expedition to stage their own Noah's Ark with the dinos and transport as many species as possible to a sanctuary island. They need her to tap into the park's security system, and also to convince Owen (Pratt) to come along and get close to the raptor Blue, his old pal who has become so anthropomorphized it's actually startling she doesn't just start talking.

There are some more new characters added too: A skittish computer guy, Franklin (Justice Smith), and a doctor Zia (Daniella Pineda), who come along on the journey for some comedic relief; a mercenary military guy (Ted Levine); and a cute dino-obsessed girl, Maisie Lockwood (Isabella Sermon).

Perhaps the most unexpected thing about "Fallen Kingdom" is that the "escape from the volcano" plot is just the first set-piece. It's all a precursor to the

dinos coming to the mainland. If you're thinking, "I've seen this movie before," just wait, it gets so much more derivative than you would ever imagine possible. Bayona, who also directed "The Impossible" and "A Monster Calls," is good enough to pull it off. It's the main reason why "Fallen Kingdom" is entering despite itself, but it is a shameless strategy that can only work so many times. Also, can we retire the "objects in the mirror are closer than they appear" joke at this point?

Life finds a way, and so do franchises that make ungodly amounts of money. "Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom" gets away with its unoriginality for the most part, but this franchise's desperation is starting to show. It's time to evolve, or go extinct.

"Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom" is rated PG-13 for intense sequences of science-fiction violence and peril. Running time: 128 minutes.

## Jurassic Park: Fallen Kingdom' leans on nostalgia, contrivances

# Fred Rogers documentary a beautiful day in the neighborhood

By JAKE COYLE  
Associated Press

**S**o accustomed are we to the downfall and disgrace of men that a marvelous sense of its absence propels the rich and glowing documentary "Won't You Be My Neighbor?" Fifty years after he made his public television debut, Fred Rogers remains aloft: a pure and gentle soul never befallen by scandal, a still-shining beacon of kindness without the near-requisite dark shadow.

The film, directed by Morgan Neville, uses behind-the-scenes footage from "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood," archival video of Rogers and copious talking-head interviews with his collaborators and family members, including his wife, Joanne, and their two sons. It's an affecting window into what remains very possibly the most benevolent broadcast ever regularly beamed out on the small screen.

As unique as "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood" was in its own TV era, Rogers would seem downright extraterrestrial on today's cable menu. Not long after Neville plays a snippet of Fox News where pundits bemoan Rogers for coddling a genera-



Fred Rogers

by telling them that everyone is special, a former worker on "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood" wonders if there's room today "for a nice person on TV."

Calling forth Rogers today is both a reminder of the mammoth loss (he died in 2003) and how sadly bereft we are of anything like him. Many of the battles Rogers was fighting — against the "ever-ready molder" of children, against mass enter-

tainment made without compassion — are simply no longer waged.

What would Rogers — whose ire was raised by Superman movies that made kids think they could fly — make of an entertainment landscape where superhero blockbusters are billed as family entertainment? Rogers spoke of the "holy ground" between a young viewer and the TV screen. Today, it's mostly just a battleground.

But where, on Earth, did he come from? In the documentary, Rogers does some things smack of something alien, most of all when Neville relates how Rogers claimed he weighed 143 pounds during day of his adult life. The numbers, he felt, corresponded with the letters in "I love you."

The answer, of course, is that Rogers came from outside Pittsburgh, and on his way to seminary before his first blush with television changed his trajectory. An often-ill child who was bullied for being overweight, Rogers was left, as he says, "to make up a lot of my own fun."

The hand puppet Daniel Striped Tiger would eventually become a kind of outlet for Rogers' own fears and anxieties. But he also emerged from his youth with a pro-

found sensitivity to the slings and arrows of childhood. "Won't You Be My Neighbor?" opens with a home-video clip of Rogers sitting at a piano in 1967 describing how he'd like to "help children through the difficult modulations of life."

"Love is at the root of everything," he says later. "Love or the lack of love."

With these simple beliefs, Rogers made a quietly revolutionary show. To help children understand the world they were growing up in, he spoke frankly, without condescension, about traumatic events. His advice for the most horrific disasters people who are helping," he said.

"Won't You Be My Neighbor?" ultimately doesn't dig much into who Rogers was. He remains unknowable for all his sincerity. One of his son's notes how it was "a little tough for me to have almost the second Christ as my dad." A movie starring Tom Hanks as Rogers, due out in fall 2019, probably won't do more to bring him down to Earth.

"Won't You Be My Neighbor?" is rated PG-13 for thematic elements and language. Running time: 94 minutes.

## WEEKEND: VIDEO GAMES



By CHRISTOPHER BYRD

*Special to The Washington Post*

Blood is at times cited as a marker of lineage, a gauge of health, or an index for commitment to a political cause (to give one's blood for their beliefs). In "Vampyr," an action-RPG set during the time of the 1918 Spanish Flu, the most decimating pandemic of the modern era, each of these dimensions is probed alongside the game's spin on the vampire myth.

Despite its early-20th century trappings, "Vampyr" gestures to many of the cultural fault lines that bedevil our present moment — from worries over healthcare, to the demonizing of immigrants, to the dream of building a wall to separate a population of haves from have nots. Those who remember the controversy surrounding "BioShock Infinite" might find similar reasons for praise and complaint insofar as "Vampyr's" narrative strengths are hobbled by its action-oriented gameplay.

Dr. Jonathan Reid, "Vampyr's" hero — or antihero, depending on your orchestration of his conduct — is a veteran of The Great War. At the start of the game he awakens on top of a bed of corpses in a disoriented state. Shambeling away from the carnage, he is consumed by a body-shaking thirst. Unfortunately, the first person he comes across is his sister Mary, who has been out combing the streets of London for him.

Overcome by his need for nourishment, Reid sips on her blood. Satiated, his reason comes back to him, leaving him aghast at his deed and flooded with remorse. Before he has a moment to collect himself, he's spotted by one of the city's roaming bands of vigilantes, who raise an alarm and proceed to give chase.

These events unfold too quickly for their own good. It's impossible to feel anything for the newly hatched vampire or his calamitous mistake since we're so abruptly introduced to him and his sister. Fortunately, the story soon finds its footing after Reid takes shelter from the encroaching daylight in an aban-

doned residential building. Following a failed suicide attempt, he leaves his shelter the following night in search of answers.

Coming upon a blood-drained corpse, Reid wonders if it might be the handiwork of the vampire who sired him. Using his newly-acquired supernatural senses, he follows the blood trail to a pub where, on the second floor, he hears a woman and a man talking about the strange goings on from behind a closed door. The woman breaks off the conversation after she senses someone is eavesdropping.

Though her identity remains a mystery for a short time, it soon becomes clear that the people Reid overheard chatting are Dr. Swansea and Lady Ashbury — a mortal and a vampire, respectively. Both are sympathetic to Reid's predicament. Swansea is a member of a secret society that tracks vampire activity in Britain. He also oversees the Pembroke Hospital, which caters to the city's working class.

Aware of Reid's reputation as a surgeon and excited by his research in — ha, what else? — blood transfusions, Swansea offers Reid a job. It's an irrisistible deal as the position comes with an office where Reid can work and rest undisturbed.

Once the game introduces the patients, nurses and doctors of Pembroke Hospital, it grows much more lively. Each of the characters with whom Reid interacts has locked conversational branches. These can be accessed by discovering personal information, which may involve performing a task, speaking to another person in someone's social circle, or observing people from afar.

The characters are notably distinct from each other, and the real pleasure of the game comes from interacting with them. To keep the citizens in good shape you'll have to monitor their health (which can be done in the menus) and prescribe them suitable medication. The healthier the citizens and the more you know about them, the more experience points can be harvested from plucking them off.

Any of the characters you encounter can be killed if your mesmerize skill is high enough. If it is, you can mesmerize someone, lead them to shadows, then do that thing that vampires do. This will net many more experience points than what you'd get from slaying one of the typical groups of adversaries scattered about the city.

Murdering one of the citizens can close off different quests and create adverse ripple effects throughout a community. (Do away with a medical professional and the health of the community that he or she treated may drop precipitously. If it falls below a certain threshold, people in that community may become inaccessible for the rest of the game.) Assuming you don't start picking off the main cast right away, you'll find that enemies tend to be a few levels above you. In general, this didn't pose much of a problem for me except for a few boss encounters. Yet, because I refrained from killing citizens whenever possible, I had to be diligent in performing side quests to maintain a competitive level.

Really, it's the run-of-the-mill enemies that drag "Vampyr" down. Every time you level up your character at a safe haven, you advance time in the game, causing the enemies you encounter on the street to level up. Though some different types of enemies are introduced later on, there are not enough of them to excuse the fact that you're constantly fighting the same types of foes over and over. The only difference among them is that as you progress through the game your simple-minded adversaries dish out more damage and have a greater number of hit points.

"Vampyr" is a far more interesting social simulator than it is an action game. Moving between London's East and West End, I experienced the voyeuristic thrill of soaking in the gradations between poverty and wealth. Logically, a number of the game's citizens have things to say about the class system, and that extends to the vampires as well. As befits such a mannered society, a poor decision or a conversational mistake can lead to unintended results down the line.

"Vampyr" is a game with one foot in the grave and one on solid ground. Though the game's combat feels rooted in the past, learning its citizens' secrets and uncovering their social networks makes for an alluring proposition in our age of oversharing.

Platforms: PC, PlayStation 4, Xbox One

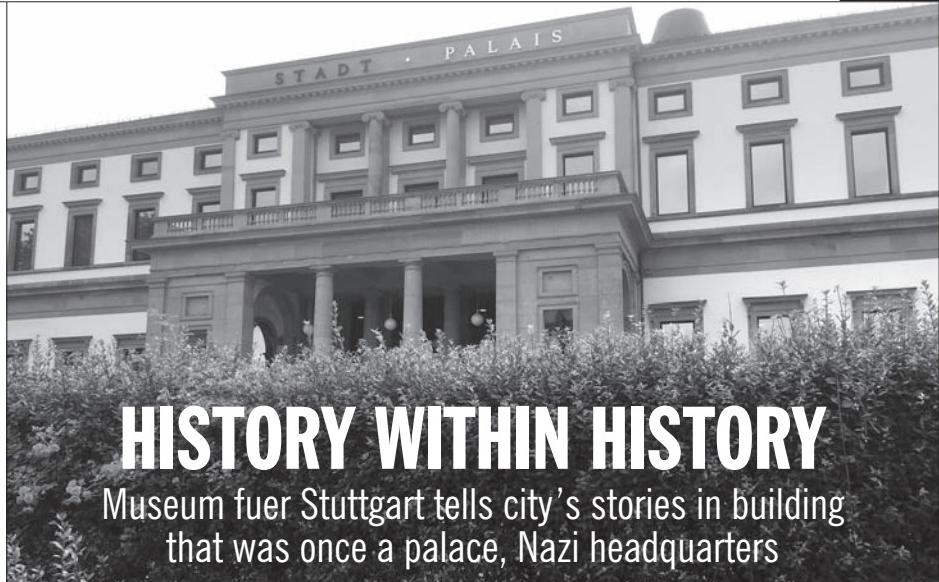
Online: vampyr-game.com/en

**As doctor-turned-vampire Jonathan Reid comes to terms with his undead condition, he is torn between the Hippocratic Oath and his newfound bloodthirsty nature in "Vampyr."**

Photos courtesy of Dontnod Entertainment

## WEEKEND: QUICK TRIPS

Europe



# HISTORY WITHIN HISTORY

Museum fuer Stuttgart tells city's stories in building that was once a palace, Nazi headquarters

BY JOHN VANDIVER  
*Stars and Stripes*

**T**he building of the new city museum that aims to tell the story of Stuttgart, Germany, encapsulates itself a big part of that history.

Opened in 2017, Museum fuer Stuttgart is housed in a 170-year-old structure that once was a palace belonging to King Wilhelm. In 1929, it became a Zeppelin museum celebrating German innovation before it was taken over in 1933 by the Nazis, who used it as a security services headquarters. Then, allied bombers turned it into a ruin that was restored in the 1960s during the postwar boom.

A series of exhibits walk visitors through much of that history.

At the museum's center is a big interactive topographical map of the city that highlights Stuttgart's various districts and hilly landscape while providing background on major events that shaped city life. You can rent a headset to listen to a guide in English.

Chronicled are the big industrialists from the early 20th century whose names are still synonymous with Stuttgart's manufacturing might: Bosch, Daimler and Porsche. The 1920s were economic golden years in the city while much of the rest of Germany struggled in the aftermath of World War I. By 1930, Stuttgart was one of Germany's three largest and wealthiest cities.

But the museum doesn't shy away from Stuttgart's dark past and the fact that many Stuttgarters were drawn to Nazism. In 1932, the National Socialists were the leading party in a city where today the Green Party dominates.

Exhibits highlight Hitler's rise, the persecution of the city's Jewish residents and the shattering of their businesses.

Particularly jarring are photos from that era, including one of Hitler leading a parade down the instantly familiar Königstrasse, with the main city train station in the background. Today, the symbol for Mercedes-Benz sits atop the station's tower. Back then, a huge Nazi flag was perched in the same place.

There also are pictures of Stuttgart in ruins after allies leveled the city.

Overall, the museum gives a good overview of a place that thousands of U.S. troops still call home — at least for a few years.

Unfortunately, there is no mention of the American military's long history here. Some 45,000 Americans lived there during the peak of the Cold War. I think more photos from the war years and the immediate aftermath would make the museum more interesting.

Still, entry is free, the location is convenient and there is plenty to learn about at the city museum.

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**Top:** The city museum for Stuttgart, called StadtPalais, opened in 2017 and features an array of exhibits that document the city's history.

**Far right:** The museum showcases artifacts like this wine jug. The city and the region around it is one of Germany's main winegrowing areas.

**Right:** The largest exhibit in Stuttgart's city museum is an interactive topographical map of the city.

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## ON THE QT

### DIRECTIONS

The museum is in the heart of downtown, at the corner of the B-27. It is a short walk from the Schlossplatz.

### TIMES

10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesdays-Sundays

### COSTS

Entrance is free.

### FOOD

There is a small cafe in the museum and scores of eateries within walking distance.

### INFORMATION

Website: [stadtpalais-stuttgart.de](http://stadtpalais-stuttgart.de)

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## WEEKEND: TRAVEL

Europe

# Once the sun goes down, Venice shines

I love Venice at night, and recently, I was reminded why. The evening started at one of my favorite Venice restaurants. The chef served up a seafood bounty from the lagoon, accompanied by deliciously grilled local vegetables and polenta. After dinner, twinkling from my sprightly Venetian white wine, I wandered through the tangle of back lanes, musty with history, pausing on lonely bridges to watch gondolas glide silently by. Finally, I turned the corner onto St. Mark's Square — perhaps the most beloved square in all of Europe, where the age-old glories of Venice still swirl. The lights were on, and the arrival of aqua alta (high water) had flooded the square, creating an array of reflections.

While Venice's splendid decay is undeniably charming by day, it's especially memorable after dark. Near the end of the day, the stifling crowds thin out as hordes of day tourists retreat to their cruise ships and mainland hotels. Then, as the sun goes down, a cool breeze blows from the lagoon, the lanterns come on, the peeling plaster glows in the moonlight, and Venice resumes its position as Europe's most romantic city.

Evenings are made for wandering. Even Venice's dark and distant back lanes are considered very safe after nightfall. You can enjoy a slow dinner in a romantic caffè or piazza setting, or eat your way through a Venetian pub crawl.

This tradition is unique to Venice — where no cars means easy crawling — and is known as a giro d'ombra. Giro means "stroll," and ombra (slang for a glass of wine) means "shade," from the old days when a portable wine bar scooted with the shadow of the Campanile (bell tower) across St. Mark's Square.

Venice's residential back streets hide plenty of characteristic bars (bacari), serving trays of interesting toothpick

munchies called cicchetti — deep-fried mozzarella, calamari, artichoke hearts, crostini with various toppings, marinated seafood and prosciutto with melon. While you can order a plate of assorted appetizers, Venetians prefer going one by one, sipping their wine and trying this and that. Eating ugly things on toothpicks in a series of characteristic bars is one of my favorite Venice activities.

Since bars don't stay open very late, and the cicchetti selection is best early, start your evening by 6 p.m. By 10 p.m., restaurants are winding down; by 11 p.m., many bars are closing — and by midnight, the city is shut tight.

Venice also has a busy schedule of events, church concerts, festivals and entertainment, including, of course, Carnevale, the yearly masquerade party. The free monthly Un Ospite di Venezia lists all the latest happenings.

Especially popular are Baroque concerts, held at churches all over town. The concerts — sometimes performed by musicians in wigs and tights — generally focus on the music of Vivaldi, who, having been born in Venice, is as ubiquitous here as Strauss is in Vienna and Mozart in Salzburg. The Interpreti Veneziani orchestra, considered the best group in town, generally performs concerts nightly inside the sumptuous San Vital Church.

Opera is also popular in Venice, with venues like La Fenice (the grand opera house). But even if you don't appreciate opera, consider a performance at Musica al Palazzo. This evening of opera is a treat,



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**Though expensive, riding a gondola at night is one of the great experiences in Europe.**

as you'll spend it under Tiepolo frescoes at a Venetian palace on the Grand Canal. Each act, performed by a small group of musicians, is set in a different lavish room.

For many travelers, the best entertainment is just being in St. Mark's Square after dark, as dueling cafe orchestras entertain. Every night, enthusiastic musicians play the same songs, creating the same irresistible magic. The ultimate music scene is at the venerable Caffè Florian. The price to sit outside and sip an espresso is not cheap (at least 15 euros), but if you stay awhile, this is money well spent. A cheaper option is Gran Caffè Chioggia, which doesn't charge extra for music and has good jazz nightly.

Of course, the ultimate after-dark activ-

ity in Venice is a gondola glide through the canals. This experience just about defines the word "romantic," and you see details of the city that mere pedestrians miss. Gondola prices go up at night, but it's worth it.

Glide through nighttime Venice with your head on someone else's shoulder. Follow the moon as it sails past otherwise unseen buildings. Silhouettes gaze down from bridges. As during the day, it's the city itself that is the star. But Venice under a cloak of darkness has extra magic and mystery — the ambience that has attracted visitors since the days of Casanova.

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## TOP TRAVEL PICKS

### Outdoor arts festival in London

It stands to reason that a world-class city like London would host a highly regarded outdoor performing arts festival, and in terms of both scope and scale, Greenwich + Docklands International Festival won't disappoint.

Through July 7, the ambitious and ground-breaking outdoor arts festival is set to delight an estimated 100,000 attendees with some 300 performances by British and international acts across public spaces in Royal Greenwich and East London.

Intriguing agenda items include "Fly by Night," in which specially trained pigeons glide through the skies; "Undaunted," a performance by the UK's only female high-wire walker; Mototskaia, a street stunt show performed by daredevil acrobats; and "PLOCK!," an acrobatic show inspired by the art of Jackson Pollock. Other program elements range from a hip-hop dance piece to a trampoline show set to music.

The majority of events play out in the town centers of Greenwich, Woolwich and Eltham, as well as North Greenwich, Thamesmead, Canary Wharf



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and other areas of Tower Hamlets. Outdoor shows are generally appropriate for audiences of all ages.

Greenwich Fair, billed as a "festival within a festival," takes place June 23-24 at Cutty Sark Gardens and the grounds of the Old Royal Naval College. The family-friendly weekend affair made up of theater, dance, street arts and circus offers many opportunities for audiences to join in.

Most of the Greenwich + Docklands International Festival events are free, although tickets are required for a few of the performances. Online: [festival.org/gdf2018](http://festival.org/gdf2018).

### Seafood in Belgium

Seafood lovers can sample unique dishes at "L'Art Oestendaise."

Come and Taste," a celebration of fish and shellfish in Ostend, Belgium's most famous seaside resort.

Top chefs from local restaurants create their tempting dishes based on fresh ingredients including shrimp, catfish, catfish, monkfish, plaice, cod and other species and range from casseroles to bouillabaisse, croquettes, risotto and smoked fish.

The indulgent outing takes place at the Zeeheldenplein from 11 a.m. June 23-24. Entry is free, and the sampling dishes go for 6 euros each. A rechargeable card is needed to pay for all food and drink consumed on-site. Online: [visitostendoe.be](http://visitostendoe.be).

### Student concerts in Rothenburg

Germany's exquisitely preserved medieval marvel Rothenburg ob der Tauber offers something of particular interest to American visitors in the coming weeks: open-air concerts performed by talented high school students from across the U.S.

On various dates between June 26 and July 29, participants in a program known as Ambassadors



An artistic acrobat splashes, throws, drips and pours paint onto a canvas in "PLOCK!," a colorful acrobatic performance that's part of the Greenwich Fair, which runs June 23-24 in Greenwich, England.

of Music bring their sounds to Rothenburg's charming market square. The choirs, bands, orchestras and ensembles tour Europe on trips organized by Colorado-based travel company Voyageurs International.

Concerts by students representing various states and regions are performed on the following dates: Georgia and Florida, June 26; Missouri, June 29; Indiana, July 2; Colorado, July 5; Illinois, July 8; Texas,

July 9; Wisconsin, July 11; Kentucky, July 14; Iowa, July 17; Minnesota, July 20; Washington, July 23; New England, July 26 (11 a.m.) and California, July 26; Virginia, July 29.

All concerts begin at 2 p.m. unless otherwise noted, and entry is free. Other stops on the Ambassadors of Music European tour in 2018 include London, Paris and Crans-Montana, Switzerland. Online: [tinyurl.com/ybc2a8nh](http://tinyurl.com/ybc2a8nh).

## WEEKEND: FOOD & DINING



PHOTOS BY DAN STOUTAMIRE/Stars and Stripes

**Chicken Kokio** in Wiesbaden, Germany, serves tasty fried chicken with a slightly spicy red sauce (above). The unassuming chicken joint (pictured below) is near a pair of American housing areas in the Biersstadt district.

Right: A "ballcup" from Chicken Kokio is a combination of a soft drink and either fried chicken or fried chicken with potato bits attached — the latter is shown here.



Tom McCorkle/For The Washington Post

Simple Cinnamon Coffee Cake is good enough to enjoy for days.

# After Hours: Germany

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**L**ocated just around the corner from Wiesbaden's Crestview housing area and a short walk or drive away from Au-kamm and Hainerberg, Chicken Kokio is a delicious and convenient way to avoid cooking and doing dishes on busy weekday evenings.

The restaurant, which has been in business for six months, was opened by Koreans who came to Germany more than a decade ago to study and work. Its menu is relatively straightforward, but there are some surprises and interesting takes on their simple formula. These include what they call "ballcups," which combine fried chicken and a 12-ounce drink in a convenient, easy-to-carry package.

Korean fried chicken is undoubtedly the king of the menu here. While sides like potato wedges and sweet and sour radish are also available, most of Kokio's offerings consist of some kind of fried chicken — either in boneless form or bone-in-form.

The chicken pom balls put together the main course and side — a combination of boneless chicken and potato, which seamlessly forms a part of the bread.

You can top them with a pair of sauces — a slightly spicy red one and a soy-sauce-based black one. Both are delicious and highly recommended. They give an extra dimension to the already crispy and tender chicken.

I tried the pom balls in a cup with the black sauce. The portion was perfect for a quick adult lunch or a generous children's meal. Chicken,

## CHICKEN KOKIO

**Location:** Schultheissstrasse 34, Wiesbaden-Bierstadt 65191

The chicken-heavy menu is in English and German, and the friendly owner and workers speak English.

**Hours:** 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m. and 4:30-8 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Friday-Saturday. Closed Sunday.

**Prices:** Small chicken boxes 5-6 euros (\$5.90-\$7.05), large chicken boxes 8-9 euros, drinks 1.50-2.50 euros

— Dan Stoutamire

breading and potato chunks might seem an odd combination, but it was really quite good.

Normal boneless chicken topped with the red sauce — sans potato — was also enjoyable. But if you're a fan of extremely spicy sauces, you might be disappointed. It's more sweet and tangy than spicy, though there is a slight kick.

Occupying a tiny space, Kokio has limited seating outside — a pair of tables and a few chairs. It's definitely meant for carryout, but it would be great if there was more room to sit down and devour your meal immediately.

In short, Kokio is a convenient and delightful little take-away joint, offering a delicious menu and quick and friendly service.

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**C**offee cake is a classic. It's usually not flashy: A batter, maybe some fruit, nuts or crumble topping, perhaps a dusting of sugar. It's so humble it can be easy to overlook when it comes to choosing a baking project. But a good coffee cake is always welcome.

This recipe from Alex Levin, the Washington-based executive pastry chef of the Schlow Restaurant Group, hits all the notes you want in a coffee cake: Fluffy, soft, cinnamon and good-looking. It all comes together in a single bowl, aside from the cinnamon sugar filling and topping. And once it's baked, the cake holds up very well on the counter for several days.

The cake is infinitely adaptable. In addition to or instead of the two layers of cinnamon sugar, you can use any kind of soft fruit, such as blueberries. Jam would be lovely, too. A streusel topping is another natural addition. Depending on your guests' diets, you can swap

coconut oil in for the butter, and nondairy milks or even orange juice for the milk.

A note on pans: We preferred the moister, slightly denser result when I baked this in a metal pan. Subsequent bakes in a Pyrex proved loftier but somewhat drier, so if you go with glass, try reducing the oven temperature by 25 degrees and checking on doneness a few minutes earlier. Ditto if your metal pan is dark, which absorbs more heat.

Levin's recipe originally called for baking the cake in a Bundt pan, which makes for a particularly attractive appearance. But I decided to adapt the recipe to the more common and versatile 9-by-13 pan.

The change in pan required no adjustment to the ingredients, so here's today's lesson: Pay attention to pan volume, not area. Consulting a handy chart on JoyofBaking.com, I realized the difference in volume between the Bundt (12 cups) and 9-by-13 (14 cups) was minimal. All I had to tweak was the baking time — it ended up being a few minutes less than the Bundt, as the batter was now shallower.

## SIMPLE CINNAMON COFFEE CAKE

16-20 servings; makes one 9-by-13-inch single layer

### Ingredients:

2½ cups sugar  
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
8 tablespoons (1 stick) unsalted butter, at soft room temperature  
½ teaspoon fine sea salt  
3 large eggs  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
3 cups flour  
1 tablespoon baking powder  
1 cup milk

### Directions:

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. Grease a 9-by-13 baking dish with cooking oil spray and line the bottom with parchment paper, if desired, spraying it as well.

Use a fork to stir together ½ cup of the sugar and all the cinnamon in a medium bowl, until well blended.

Combine the butter, the remaining 2 cups of sugar and the salt in the bowl of a stand mixer or handheld electric mixer; beat on medium for 4 to 5 minutes. Because there is much more

sugar than butter, the mixture will not fluff up very much. Add the eggs one at a time, beating after each addition, then add the vanilla extract.

Add half the flour and half the baking powder; beat on medium speed until fully incorporated. Add half the milk and beat (medium speed) until well blended. Repeat with the remaining flour and baking powder, and then add the remaining milk, beating to form a thick, smooth batter.

Spread half of the batter (total batter weight is about 3 pounds if you prefer to be precise) evenly in the pan, smoothing the surface. Sprinkle half of the cinnamon sugar on the surface. Repeat with the remaining batter and cinnamon sugar.

Bake (middle rack) for 35 to 40 minutes, until light brown and firm to the touch; a toothpick or cake tester inserted into the center should come out clean. Cool completely in the pan.

Run a round-edged knife around the sides to loosen the cake before serving.

## WEEKEND: TRAVEL

Europe

# WINNING EXPERIENCE

From the players to the Pimm's, a visit to the fabled tennis grounds outside London is a grand outing

By ED SHERMAN  
*Chicago Tribune*

**W**hen I walked onto the grounds of Wimbledon for the first time, I immediately thought of another place: Augusta National.

It was the green. I was struck by the familiar shade that permeated both facilities. Wimbledon green isn't exactly the same as Augusta National green, but it is close enough to signify the tie between these two iconic venues.

What Augusta National is to golf, Wimbledon is to tennis. Indeed, upon entering the gates of Wimbledon, I felt a similar sensation to what I'd felt on my initial trip to the fabled golf course in 1997 to cover the Masters for the Chicago Tribune.

There is that unmistakable sense of awe and reverence. You just know you are at that sport's epicenter, a truly special place.

I can't say I am a huge tennis fan, but the battles between John McEnroe and Bjorn Borg in the early '80s hooked me on Wimbledon. It had been a bucket-list item for me ever since.

I made it to the All England Lawn Tennis Club, aka Wimbledon, last summer. The venue is about eight miles southwest of central London. We took a 45-minute ride on the Tube and walked 20 minutes to the facility (taking public transportation is highly recommended). All in all, getting there was fairly painless.

We went on a Thursday during the first week of the two-week tournament, which is July 2-15 this year. It is a good time to go if you are interested in seeing a high volume of tennis with plenty of players still in the field. There is considerable action with second-round matches taking place on the many courts that comprise the Wimbledon complex.

In fact, there are several courts that allow you to get really close with limited ground-level seating and standing options. Naturally, the big-name players aren't going to be playing there, but being just a few feet away provides a wonderful perspective on the immense talents of these world-class players.

You can feel the power of their games, not to mention the intensity required to advance in such an elite tournament.

Of course, Centre Court is the ultimate destination at Wimbledon. From the outside, Centre Court looks much bigger than I had imagined. The scale is enhanced by a retractable roof installed to deal with England's unpredictable weather.

However, once inside, Centre Court feels smaller than the listed capacity of nearly 15,000 seats. It actually seems somewhat intimate. There is a powerful sense of history in watching a match on the grass court where the greats recorded their biggest victories. It's like pointing to home plate at Wrigley Field and saying that is where Babe Ruth "called his shot" in the 1932 World Series. There aren't many places like that anymore in sports.

Alas, there was no royalty in the 74-seat Royal Box on this day, but we were thrilled to see Roger Federer in a second-round match. Arguably the greatest ever, Federer would go on to win his record eighth Wimbledon title, thoroughly dissected Serbian Dusan Lajovic. Seeing Federer up close makes you truly appreciate his trademark precision — an ability to place the ball anywhere on the court. It proved to be our chance to see history at Centre Court.

It also was interesting to note that while the fans were pulling for Federer, they also gave Lajovic his due on good

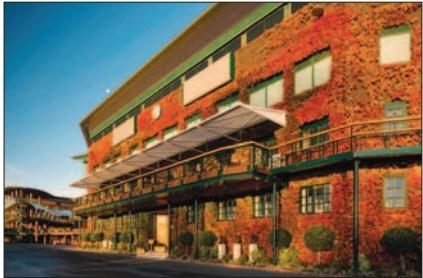
shots. Above everything else, there is a respect for seeing exceptional tennis at Wimbledon.

Fortunately, we were able to use a connection to purchase tickets for our day at Wimbledon. As you would expect, it is difficult to gain access to the grounds during the Grand Slam. But it's more doable than getting a spot at the Masters at Augusta National, where it pretty much takes shelling out a few thousand dollars to a scalper if you don't know somebody.

Ticketmaster sells a limited number of tickets online the day before play, but they sell out in minutes. Hospitality packages that include overnight accommodations and tickets are offered by Wimbledon Experience. As you would expect, these packages can be pricey. Expect to spend a minimum of \$1,000 for a package that includes a Centre Court seat.

You can also buy Wimbledon tickets via a lottery held months before the tournament, which is how most Centre Court, No. 1 Court and No. 2 Court tickets are sold. You'll need some substantial luck since demand is quite high. (The lottery for this year's Championships opened Sept. 1 and closed Dec. 31.)

If you have a lot of patience, another way to potentially land tickets is to engage in Britain's unofficial sport of queuing, or lining up. Each day, Wimbledon allotks for public sale a few hundred premium-play tickets for Cen-



tre Court (except the last four days), No. 1 Court and No. 2 Court on a first-come, first-served basis. Many hopefuls arrive the evening before to pitch tents near the club and camp overnight to boost their odds of getting in.

Also, several thousand grounds passes are available each day, allowing use of unreserved seating and standing room on Courts No. 3-18. For those passes, it's recommended to arrive a few hours before the grounds open at 10:30 a.m.

Keep in mind that if you aren't in London during tournament weeks, you still can get a feel for Wimbledon. Again, this is different from Augusta National, which only opens its doors to the public one week a year, during the Masters. Wimbledon has a nice museum in the club that includes a virtual-reality experience. There also is a 90-minute tour of the grounds that lets you walk through the same doors as the players for a match on Centre Court.

Tradition abounds at Wimbledon, even down to the food. We had the signature strawberries and cream, made up of 10 strawberries ... and cream. Good, but hardly spectacular.

We indulged a bit more on another Wimbledon staple: a cup of Pimm's, an herbal English liqueur mixed with lemonade and refreshing fruit. It sounds harmless, but be careful; Pimm's can pack quite a punch. Drink one too many, and it's game, set, match.



Above: The All England Club — Wimbledon — features a museum and a tour of the grounds. It's reachable by taking a Tube ride from London and then walking 20 minutes to the site. Right: In 2009, the Club was proud to hold a Centre Court Celebration to commemorate the opening of the new retractable roof on Centre Court.

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The only remaining piece of the 130-ton, 820-foot-long fatberg, removed from the sewers in the Whitechapel area of east London in 2017, is still on display at the Museum of London for another week or so.

## Last call for Fatberg

By JILL LAWLESS  
Associated Press

One of London's newest museum attractions is greasy, smelly — and a glimpse at the hidden underside of urban life.

The Museum of London is displaying a chunk of a 130-ton fatberg that was blasted out of a city sewer last year.

It took sewage workers with jet hoses nine weeks to dislodge the 820-foot-long mass of oil, fat, diapers and baby wipes from beneath Whitechapel in the city's East End.

The museum has lovingly preserved a chunk of the size of a shoebox, the mottled consistency of which has been described as parmesan crossed with moon rock. Close examination reveals the presence of tiny flies. Three nested transparent boxes protect visitors from potentially deadly bacteria, and from the fatberg's noxious smell.

Curator Vicki Sparkes says the lump started off smelling like a used diaper "that maybe you'd forgotten about and found a few weeks later." The stench has now mellowed to "damp Victorian basement."

"It's disgusting and fascinating," she said of the fatberg. "And that's what's great to work with — it has this impact on people."

The exhibition, titled Fatberg! with an exclamation point, comes with a selection of merchandise including T-shirts and fatberg fudge.

Sparkes considers the fatberg a natural for the museum, which charts the city's ancient and modern history. The word itself, a hybrid of "fat" and "iceberg," is one of London's gifts to the world: It was coined by the city's sewer workers and entered the Oxford English Dictionary in 2015.

Fatbergs are a growing menace for cities around the world, but they remain mysterious.

"Fatbergs aren't really that well understood — how they form, how quickly they form and what they are," said Sparkes.

The fatberg is on display until July 1. Admission is free.

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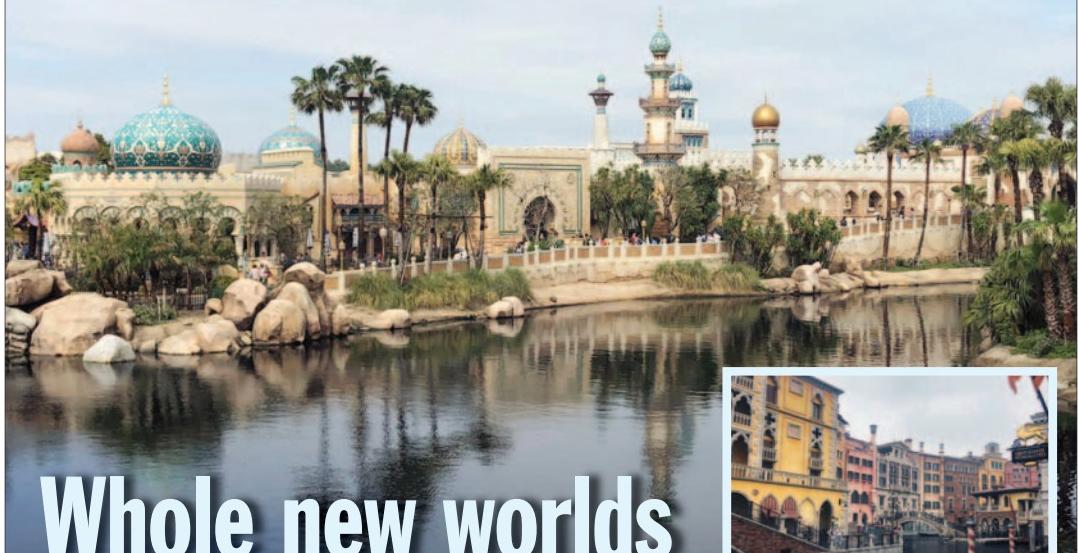
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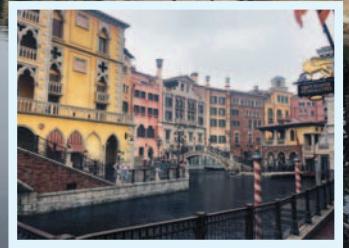
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# Whole new worlds

Above: The Arabian Coast area of Tokyo DisneySea is themed after the 1992 Disney movie "Aladdin." Tokyo DisneySea is the only theme park in the world with an area dedicated to the fictional country of Agrabah. Right: Park-goers can take a free gondola ride through the waters surrounding the park's Venetian-influenced Mediterranean Coast area near the entrance of Tokyo DisneySea.

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## Tokyo DisneySea offers plenty of nautical adventure with a touch of Disney magic

By CAITLIN DOORNBOS  
*Stars and Stripes*

**N**estled along the shoreline of Tokyo Bay, Tokyo DisneySea lives up to its nautically themed name — and its Disney theme park heritage.

The entire park is built around a massive lagoon and a series of tributaries, with attractions divided among seven unique island-like areas: Mediterranean Harbor; Arabian Coast; American Waterfront; Mysterious Island; Mermaid Lagoon; Lost River Delta; and Port Discovery.

The inspiration for the distinct,

themed areas of DisneySea came from the concept of The Seven Seas, an ancient phrase used to describe the world's oceans. The park, which opened in 2001, was initially scheduled to be built in the early 1990s in Long Beach, Calif., as an offshoot of the original Disneyland. However, disputes with local lawmakers led the Walt Disney Company to abandon the plan — only for the concept to be resurrected in Tokyo a decade later.

Visitors to DisneySea will have no trouble spending a full day exploring the park, as there is plenty to see and do. The park offers experiences

inspired by locations around the world, from a miniature Venice complete with gondola rides, to tastes of Americana in areas made to resemble New York City and coastal New England villages.

There are also two fantasy realms inspired by Disney classics: Arabian Coast features a rendition of the fictional city of Agrabah from the 1992 animated film "Aladdin," while Mermaid Lagoon is built around a towering and colorful "undersea" castle inspired by the 1989's "The Little Mermaid."

For heart-pounding rollercoasters and adrenaline-inducing adventure, head to Lost River Delta. There, thrill-seekers can climb onto the Raging Spirits roller coaster — complete with a 360-degree loop — or escape rolling boulders alongside a famous archaeologist in Indiana Jones Adventure: Temple of the Crystal Skull. Further excitement can be found at Port Discovery, where riders board subterranean vehicles and plunge through a volcano on Journey to the Center of the Earth.

Much like at the neighboring Tokyo Disneyland, American Disneyphiles will enjoy the presence of several attractions from the U.S. theme parks at DisneySea — most notably Tower of Terror, which features an updated storyline that departs from the classic ride's original "Twilight Zone" theme.

If you get worn out, rest your feet while checking out a show. For a uniquely Tokyo take on Disney, I highly recommend King Triton's Concert — or what I like to call "aerial Ariel" — at the Mermaid Lagoon Theater. In this show, the beloved underwater princess "swims" through the air above the audience while singing Disney classics, such as "Part of Your World," in Japanese.

Another don't-miss show can be



The Mermaid Lagoon at Tokyo DisneySea is made to look like the palace in the Little Mermaid animated film from Disney. Visitors can enjoy various rides and a musical show inside. Also, tour the title character's hidden alcove where Ariel keeps the items she collects from the human world.

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## ON THE QT

### DIRECTIONS

Tokyo DisneySea can be reached by both public transportation and by car, although taking the train is a more cost-effective and easy journey. The park is accessible at Mihama Station via the JR Keio Line — about 17 minutes from Tokyo Station. From Mihama Station, visitors have the option of walking to the park's entrance (15-minute walk) or taking the Tokyo Disney monorail (10-minute loop). By car, tolls from the West Tokyo area will run about 2,200 yen (about \$20) each way. Parking at the park costs an additional 2,500 yen.

### TIMES

Hours vary, but the park is typically open 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. For schedules, visit the park's website.

### COSTS

A one-day ticket for adults costs 7,400 yen (about \$72). Children 12-17 are eligible for a Junior Passport, which costs 6,400 yen, while children younger than 12 are eligible for the 4,800 yen Child Passport. Children younger than 3 are free. Individuals over the age of 65 can purchase a Senior Passport for 6,700 yen. Tickets can be bought at the park, or in advance at Japanese convenience stores, such as FamilyMart and 7-Eleven — often at a slight discount.

### FOOD

Numerous restaurants and food stands with a wide variety of cuisine, from Japanese to Western, are located throughout the park.

**INFORMATION**  
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— Caitlin Doornbos

# WEEKEND: FOOD & DINING



**CAITLIN DOORNbos/Stars and Stripes**  
**A temple in the Lost River Delta area of DisneySea dares visitors to ride Indiana Jones Adventure: Temple of the Crystal Skull.**

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found at Arabian Coast's Magic Lamp Theater, where audiences are treated to a 3D magic show with a special appearance by Aladdin's mystical sidekick, Genie. This attraction is also in Japanese — but bilingualism isn't required to appreciate the show's unbelievable tricks.

For snacks, a range of traditional Disney theme park favorites are available, including slightly smaller versions of the parks' famous smoked turkey legs and the iconic Mickey Mouse ice cream bars. Unique to the Tokyo Disney parks are numerous popcorn stands, each serving up a different type of flavored popcorn — from basic flavors like salted caramel and curry, to more creative offerings like blueberry and even garlic shrimp. Hungry visitors can purchase a reusable popcorn bucket and receive discounted refills at all popcorn stands located throughout the park.

The best way to cap off any DisneySea visit is with "Fantasmic!" a 20-minute show that takes place on the giant lantern at the center of the park. The fantastical display features elaborate water fountains, dazzling fountains and fireworks, lasers and projections that bring Disney magic to life right before your eyes. Show times vary depending on the season and the day — but the show is usually scheduled for some time around 8 p.m.

If you're weary of crowds, try to opt for weekday visits. Tokyo DisneySea was the fifth-most-visited theme park in the world last year, pulling ahead of favorites such as Epcot, Universal Studios Florida and SeaWorld with more than 13.5 million visitors, according to the Themed Entertainment Association.

No matter your age, a visit to a Disney theme park can help anyone believe in magic again. DisneySea is a great way to experience a bit of childhood nostalgia in a foreign country, all while making new memories with family and friends an ocean away from home.

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**The U.S. Kingburger at Fatburger in Shibuya contains more than a pound and a half of beef — making it one of the most massive burgers in Tokyo, and one of the most difficult to eat.**

PHOTOS BY LEON COOK/Stars and Stripes

# After Hours: Japan

BY LEON COOK  
Stars and Stripes

Tokyo is a sprawling metropolis filled with thousands of exotic dining experiences, replete with flavors found nowhere else in the world. But, for the city's many expats, the local fare simply cannot quell the cravings of something comforting and familiar. For me, an American-style burger is often the only fix to food-based homesickness.

Thankfully, Tokyo recently welcomed the arrival of Fatburger — a southern California-based fast food chain famous for its vast selection of hamburgers, served up in a variety of combinations with multiple patties and a variety of classic burger toppings.

The first Japanese branch of the cult-favorite burger joint, which opened at the Magnet by Shibuya 109 shopping center in the bustling neighborhood of Shibuya at the end of April, seemed like it might provide the taste of home I was looking for.

Before I could experience Fatburger's American-style burgers for myself, I'd have to contend with the confusing map on their website — which, at the time of the grand opening, provided an incorrect location for the restaurant, which required I take a 15-minute detour. (The map has since been fixed.)

Once inside, my hunger directed me toward something called the U.S. Kingburger — a six-patty burger containing a whopping 690 grams of beef for 2,560 yen (about \$23). While I noticed that the restaurant's Wall of Fame honoring those who had finished the Triple Fatburger featured several lucky diners, not one diner had managed to complete the U.S. Kingburger.

My mind was made up.

Although my editor had suggested I try the behemoth burger before I embarked on my journey, I privately wondered if I wanted



**Fatburger, a popular fast food chain from southern California, opened its first Japan location in Shibuya in April 2018. The restaurant serves up some of the iconic burger joint's most popular menu items, as well as the Japan-only U.S. Kingburger.**

to abuse myself (and my body) in such a manner. Yet the fact that no one had successfully attempted the feat before gave me just the resolve I needed.

When the U.S. Kingburger burger arrived at my table, I was shocked at its size. Six hundred-ninety grams is an impressive-sounding number, for sure — but since I don't think in the metric system, I hadn't realized that amounted to more than a pound and a half of beef.

I also observed that my custom order was sadly, lost in translation, as the toppings I wanted on the burger were instead subtracted from it. Instead of a cheeseburger with ketchup, mustard and pickles, I ended up with mayonnaise, lettuce, tomato, onion and relish. Undaunted, I removed as many of the unwanted toppings as I could and began my burger challenge.

How does one even eat a burger with six patties? With a bit of ingenuity, of course.

Due to its massive size, my U.S. Kingburger disintegrated as soon as I pulled it out of the paper sleeve. I decided I would

have eat the burger instead as two triples, with a half-bun on the bottom and two fingers on the top holding the entire thing together. This, surprisingly, worked well.

The burger itself tasted fine, despite it being the opposite of my usual special order. What I wasn't prepared for was just how much food I would have to eat to take down the U.S. Kingburger.

I ate the first triple burger without a problem. However, as I started on the second, I soon realized the folly of this culinary misadventure.

Each bite was a gamble — a gamble in which the end result was another chance to keep gambling, or the alternative of losing my lunch in public.

Fortunately, Fatburger, like its American counterpart, offers free drink refills — a rarity in Japan. My unlimited access to soda washing down the hefty burger easier. It took a while, but eventually the final bite arrived. I had done it.

I felt anything but triumphant. So I sat for a bit, fighting the queasiness. An employee eventually walked by and I flagged him down to prove I had indeed conquered the U.S. Kingburger solo.

For my exercise in gastric distress, my picture was placed on the Wall of Fame, and I received a certificate proclaiming me a U.S. Kingburger Champion.

But how did it taste?

Fatburger is good — but nothing is truly good when you're eating far past the limits of your appetite. For me, the challenge was worth it — but because I was the first to do so. If anyone else had already been crowned the U.S. Kingburger Champion, I'd have stuck with a double or triple burger instead.

Still, at the end of my meal, I became the first person in Japan to finish the U.S. Kingburger. I have gotten lost — and my growing hunger due to it — to thank.

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**Directions:** From Shibuya Station, take the Hachiko exit. Fatburger is located on the 7th floor of the Magnet by Shibuya 109 shopping center, right next to the Shibuya Crossing. Hours: 11 a.m.-11 p.m. 7 days a week.

**Prices:** Burgers range from 680 yen (\$6.15) to 2,560 yen for the massive U.S. Kingburger. Sides, including French fries (280 yen) and chili cheese fries (500 yen), are also available. Beverages (150 to 300 yen) and milkshakes (800 yen) can be added to any order.

**Dress:** Casual  
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— Leon Cook

## WEEKEND: TRAVEL

# On display

## Israel opening natural history museum featuring flora and fauna, plus an evolution exhibit

BY ILAN BEN ZION  
Associated Press

**A**fter decades of planning and delays, Israel is opening the doors of a new national natural history museum in the city of Tel Aviv, a facility that aims to increase scientific education despite religious opposition to the theory of evolution.

The ultra-modern ark-shaped edifice is set to open in July alongside the Tel Aviv University campus and houses more than 5.5 million specimens of species from around the globe. But the Steinhardt Museum of Natural History places special emphasis on the flora and fauna indigenous to the Holy Land and Middle East. The \$40 million project, decades in the making, was funded in large part by American billionaire Michael Steinhardt, a major donor to Israel who keeps a menagerie of exotic animals on his estate north of Manhattan.

The museum's curators say the only institution — ticketed as the only natural history research center in the Middle East — aims to raise public awareness about the natural world and environment by highlighting both the country's ecological diversity at the crossroads of three continents, and the devastation wrought by modern development.

Its halls combine traditional dioramas and innovative interactive displays to showcase thousands of specimens. Stuffed hawks, pelicans and vultures swirling around the building's entrance are meant to depict epic avian migrations from Africa to Europe through Israel.

The last Syrian bear to inhabit the country, killed in 1916, and the last Asiatic cheetah, killed in 1911, are ghosts from a lost world, teaching visitors about the devastating changes to the local habitat.

"The main goal of the museum is to bring the public closer to nature," said Alon Sapan, the museum's director. "To allow it to feel nature firsthand while supporting this emotional visit with a lot of interesting scientific stories and information, all of which are research-supported ... here at the university and this building."

Behind the scenes are the museum's labs and research facilities, allowing hundreds of scientists from a variety of disciplines to study the samples of the natural world in the collection. Museum Chair Tamar Dayan said natural history museums play a "key role" in the scientific

endeavor to map the web of life and identify, name and study the millions of species on Earth.

"Natural history museums record nature, study nature, and also share their knowledge and treasures with the general public," Dayan said.

The museum doesn't shy away from pointing the finger at humanity for its destructive role in the natural world. It places a significant emphasis on anthropogenic climate change and habitat destruction.

But when it comes to human evolution, things are more complicated.

An exhibit on human evolution titled "What makes us human?" looks at humanity's evolution through the lens of cultural accomplishments: the harnessing of fire, innovation of tools and development of agriculture. The exhibit is situated on the top floor of the museum, allowing any visitors who may find the subject objectionable to easily bypass it.

"It's really a sensitive issue in Israel," said Israel Herskovitz, a Tel Aviv University anthropology professor who helped curate the exhibit, echoing remarks from other museum officials.

He said there was no intentional decision to hide the exhibit or censor its contents in any way. But he said there also was no intention "to tease the religious," and the out-of-way location was for the best.

"It's up to everyone whether he wants to see the anthropological exhibition or not. He is not forced to pass through it, it's the last part of the exhibition, he can go and see it, or if he doesn't want to see it, he doesn't have to," Herskovitz said.

The Natural History Museum said in a statement that the exhibit's placement on the top floor was "made within considerations from several angles, which include the museum curation and story plan and the space of each of the museum galleries."

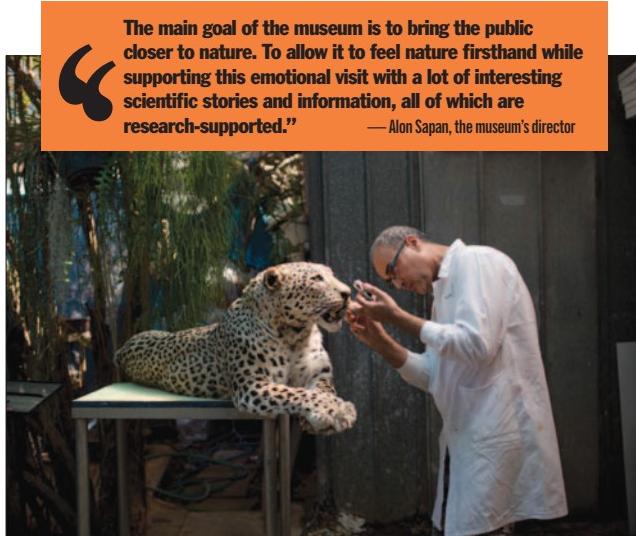
Orthodox Judaism's strict interpretation of the Bible leads many to reject the theory of evolution, which is not taught in state-funded ultra-Orthodox institutions, which make up 23 percent of Israel's schools. Even in non-religious schools, critics point out that relatively few high school students encounter the subject of human evolution in Israeli classrooms.

A small natural history museum in Jerusalem recently came under fire for covering an exhibit about human evolution with a sheet to appease ultra-Orthodox



Exhibition technician Dima Gurevitz places stuffed birds, among the items to be displayed at the Steinhardt Museum of Natural History in Tel Aviv, Israel, in June 2017.

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Taxidermist Igor Govrilov works on a stuffed leopard that will be displayed at the Steinhardt Museum of Natural History in Tel Aviv, Israel. Israel will house a new national natural history museum in Tel Aviv in the wake of a public debate over evolution. The ultra-modern facility houses more than 5.5 million specimens of species from around the world, and aims to raise public awareness about the natural world and environment, with emphasis on the local ecology.

visitors. The museum's curator defended the decision, saying the religious students otherwise would not have had any exposure to natural history whatsoever.

For many Orthodox Jews, said Rabbi Natan Slifkin, director of the Biblical Museum of Natural History in Beit Shemesh, evolution has become "the thing that in people's minds defines the lines between the religious and the atheists."

Although he considers evolution "an adequately proven scientific fact," Slifkin said his institution decided not to include exhibits about evolution because it would "severely damage our educational mission" of exposing ultra-Orthodox Jews to the natural world.

"Judaism is also connected to crocodiles and hyenas, not just to synagogues and things like that," he said.



An exhibition technician works on a whale skeleton replica to be displayed at the Steinhardt Museum of Natural History.

# WEEKEND: LIFESTYLE

By ANDREA SACHS  
*The Washington Post*

**E**arlier this year, a passenger was standing on the jet bridge, moments from boarding his South African Airways flight, when an obstacle appeared in the shape of a Customs and Border Protection officer. During the random search at Washington Dulles International Airport, the law enforcement asked the man how much money he was carrying. He responded \$500, normally not an amount an officer would question, except in one instance — when it's a lie.

After digging a little deeper, the officer recovered \$13,000 in the man's luggage. In addition to fibbing, the traveler had also broken the law by not declaring funds exceeding \$10,000. Needless to say, he missed his flight and the agency seized his cash.

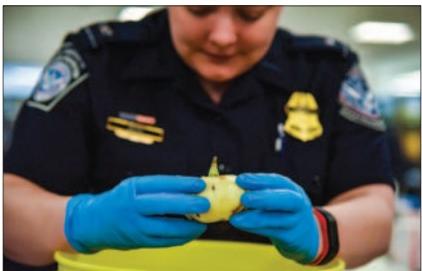
The moral of the story: Tell CBP exactly what you are carrying, down to the sleeve of nuts in your coat pocket.

"To be safe, it's better to declare it than have to pay a fine," said Patrick Orendre, the agency's assistant port director at Dulles.

More than 25,000 CBP officers and agriculture specialists protect hundreds of sea, air and land ports against invaders. Thousands of undesirable items attempt to sneak into the country daily. Many hitch a ride on edible souvenirs purchased by unassuming tourists; others arrive through nefarious means orchestrated by smugglers. On a typical day last year, officials unearthed 352 pests; 4,638 quarantined items of the plant, meat, animal byproduct and soil varieties; \$265,205 in undeclared or illicit currency; and \$3.3 million worth of products that violated intellectual-property rights.

Of the three categories the CBP oversees, two are straightforward: Don't buy counterfeit goods, including that obviously fake Gucci bag from Shanghai, and always inform an officer if you are carrying 10 grand or more into or out of the country. The regulations on flora and fauna, however, come with a few asterisks.

The list of prohibited items is long and involved. For instance, Yorkshire pudding made with suet or animal fat is not allowed into the U.S. from Britain because of the fear of foot-and-mouth disease and bovine spongiform encephalopathy (commonly known as mad cow disease). But the stuffed pastry sans farm critters is allowed into Yankee territory. In addition, the greenlit map for one food might resemble a puzzle with large missing sections. Take pork, for instance. The agency only accepts commercially packaged and clearly labeled porcine products from Iceland, Australia, Canada and Fiji, as well as some specialty cured hams and pork delicacies produced in preapproved facilities in Italy and Spain. Or bananas. Caribbean vacationers can bring the fruit back from Jamaica, the Dominican Republic, Barbados and the Bahamas as long as the inspector can establish its place of origin. A foodstuff's status can also change weekly, depending on the real threats. Plants and animals



**Valerie Woo**, an agriculture specialist with Customs and Border Protection, examines mangoes for signs of mango weevils, above, and inspects produce, left, discovered in luggage from Africa at Dulles International Airport in northern Virginia. Every day, officers sift through plant and animal products to prevent insects and diseases from entering the country. Woo says the most memorable or shocking item she's found is a mummified llama fetus the traveler had gotten while in Bolivia.

JAH CHIKwendu/Washington Post

# Luggage legality

Traveling with a real apple or a fake Gucci?  
 Tell a Customs and Border Protection officer anyway

rise and fall of disease outbreaks and pest infestations. You don't need to memorize the CBP catalogue, but you really must share your purchases with an officer.

"Your job is not to know what is allowed," agriculture specialist Valerie Woo said. "Your job is to tell me what you have, so I can tell you if it's allowed."

If you are worried that the act of declaring will automatically result in the agony of relinquishing, it won't. If the officer deems the product safe, you can enter the country with it. However, if you knowingly flout the rules, the agency could slap you with a fine of \$300 (first offender) to \$10,000 (major violator) and revoke your Global Entry privileges.

"If you do not declare an apple," Orendre said, "you could lose" your membership in the trusted-traveler program.

The regulations are based on real threats. Plants and animals



**Agnes Smith**, an agriculture technician with Customs and Border Protection, finds cooked beef innards, whole chickens and tamales in a suitcase incoming on a flight from El Salvador at Dulles International Airport.

can harbor bugs and diseases. See Itchy Exhibit A: the "crazy ant," which hitched a ride to the U.S. on a shipment processed at the port of New Orleans in the 1900s. One of the most worrisome insects these days is the khapra beetle, which burrows into rice and other dried goods, such as peas and lentils, from India, Egypt and Morocco, among other

destinations. If the pest entered the country, it could decimate the wheat and grain industry. Counterfeit goods, meanwhile, siphon profits from the original manufacturer and support an unsavory underworld.

"Knockoff items hurt the economy and put the consumer in danger, because they are made under conditions that are not regulated," Orendre said. "You also don't know what you're funding — sex trafficking, terrorism. Why fund the bad guys?"

Orendre said the agency sees a rise in fake goods before major sporting events such as the National Football League's Super Bowl and the National Hockey League's Stanley Cup playoffs, as well as over the holidays, when wish lists to Santa include coveted footwear and designer bags and scents.

"Over Christmas, we see an uptick in perfumes and purses," he said.

In December, the agency intercepted several hundred knockoffs of Nike Air Jordans from Hong Kong, which the manifest described as car parts. A few years ago, the department noticed a surge in hoverboards made with counterfeit components, including batteries that were catching on fire.

"Don't risk getting knocked off by knockoffs," Orendre said.

Passengers who declare their goods must go to a secondary screening area for inspection. To catch the undeclared, officers and their canine colleagues roam the baggage-claim area and hallway leading to the exit. Agriculture specialist Jennifer Jones said she and her colleague, Beazley the beagle, typically root out 10 to 12 items a day.

On a quiet weekday afternoon in March, Woo was standing by a buffet of contraband assembled on a long metal table. The spread included almonds in their husks, cherries and fried animal skins from Vietnam, plus eru (a green often used in soup) and eggplants from West Africa.

"We see these crawling with pests," she said of the eggplants.

Woo turned her attention to a piece of red luggage that had arrived a day after its owner. From the main compartment, she extricated a plastic sack filled with apples, mangoes and several grass brooms from West Africa. Her face lit up like a kid who had found a quarter in the couch cushions.

"I can see the difference I am making. All this," she said, sweeping her hands over the treasures. "This is the difference I am making."

I asked Woo about the most memorable — or shocking — object she has ever inspected.

"A mummified llama fetus," she answered, sharing a four-year-old image of the South American pack animal she keeps on her phone.

Woo said the traveler had received the object as a gift during a trip to Bolivia and was instructed to bury it in her yard to attract wealth and prosperity. The woman had wrapped the animal in cardboard and plastic, and laid it to rest on the bottom of her suitcase. Because of the risk of foot-and-mouth disease, Woo had to confiscate the llama, but the woman did not protest. "She was not heartbroken," Woo said.

Jones and Beazley have been working together for a year and, in that time, the pup has sniffed out enough meat to fill a butcher shop. Last September, the pair discovered 10 smoked cow legs — hoofs and all — from Vietnam. "The passenger declared beef," Jones said. "There were two and half cows in four suitcases!"

"Every day, I hear from people, 'I learned the hard way,'" she said.

To dispose of the banned goods, the officers chop them up in an industrial grinder or burn them in an incinerator. Woo grabbed a hammer and chisel and started hacking away at a mango, which can contain a seed-boring weevil.

"It's like a science-fiction horror scene," Jones said, "when there is an adult bug in the seed."

## WEEKEND: MUSIC

# The love song guy

R&B singer Ne-Yo accepts his place among today's artists

BY MESFIN FEKADU  
Associated Press

**W**hile trends in music are ever-changing, Ne-Yo knows one thing: He's the "love song guy," and he's fine with that.

The R&B star released his seventh album on June 8 and said he was nervous about putting out a new project at a time when SoundCloud rap, mumble rap and alternative R&B dominates on radio and streaming platforms.

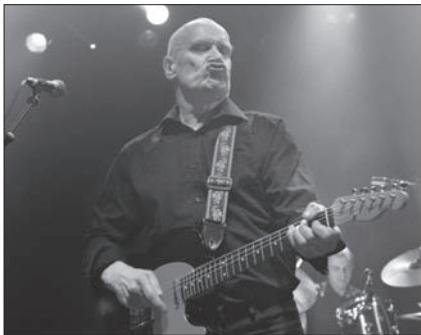
"That had me a little worried initially just because the industry's changed. The sound has changed, the look has changed. It's a new day and a new time and I was honestly really concerned about where do I fit in this thing now?" the 38-year-old said.

"It's like almost taboo to talk about love all of a sudden," added the Grammy winner, who has written hits for Beyoncé and Rihanna. "It's gotta be about sex and money and how much drugs you sell. And mind you, I ain't knocking nobody, I'm a fan of a lot of it. I just feel like that helped me realize where my place is in this thing. I'm the love song guy."

Ne-Yo said with "Good Man" he wanted to make music that felt "warm." "I needed every song to feel like a hug," he said. "Just kind of something other than what's going on right now. Everything is so monotone and super bass heavy. There's no real melodies."

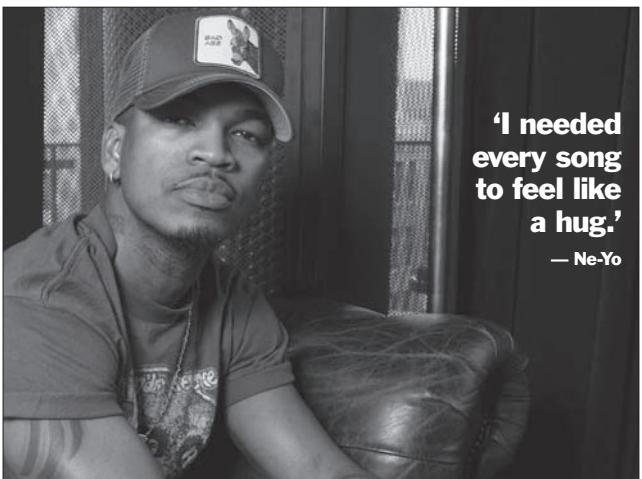
In an interview with The Associated Press, he talked about his music, the #MeToo movement and more.

## MUSIC REVIEW



INVISION/AP

Wilko Johnson, shown in 2013, celebrates life and muses on mortality on his new gritty blues-rock album "Blow Your Mind."



'I needed every song to feel like a hug.'

— Ne-Yo

AMY SUSSMAN, INVISION/AP

Recording artist Ne-Yo released a new album, "Good Man," on June 8. Ne-Yo says he's not a big fan of the sound and feel of the music industry today. "I didn't want to write like that," he says. "... I've made enough money to where I can wait. ... 'Oh, we feeling real emotions again? Cool Let's get it. I'm back."

AP: People are wondering, "Where does that kind of R&B artist, like Ne-Yo or Mary J. Blige or even K. Michelle, fit in?"  
Ne-Yo: Urban AC (adult contemporary radio), that's where it falls. The first single that we put out, "Good Man," it's not necessarily traditionally an R&B sound ... and even yet and still, because the song is talking about being a good man or whatever the case may be, (it went) straight to the Urban AC.

Any blessing is a blessing, it's charting at Urban AC, cool. But for people to listen to it and tell me that's where it's going to be and that's the only place it can be, it's like, "Why are y'all putting a cap on my (music)?"

You've been pushing this "Good Man" movement. Were you a bad boy before, or have

you always been a good man?

If I was a bad boy before, I was the best version of the bad boy ... Even when I was moving around a bunch of chicks, groupies and all that stuff, I was never the cat kicking chicks out my room at 5 o'clock in the morning.

You've always been supportive of women. What's it like to see #MeToo grow so rapidly?

I'm really happy about it. Women get a bad rep, and it's been like forever that women been getting a bad rep. Black people, we got it bad, but the worst thing in the world to be would be a black woman. Like a double whammy, like you gon' have to work your (butt) off to get crumbs as a black woman. See what's happening right now with #MeToo and Times Up and all that, I'm happy about it. Because

it's true. Respect is not optional. Do you want to start writing songs for other like you did before?

I started being real selective about who I was going to work with. Again, not a lot of free time, which is another thing that stood in front of it. And with the change of the sound — and again, faulting nothing and no one, and no animosity, no diss or nothing like that — I felt like the sound that'd become popular, I felt like I would have to kind of dumb myself down to do this sound. And I don't want to do that. I didn't want to write like that. ... I've been blessed to the point where I've made enough money to where I can wait. I can sit at home and wait for people. "Oh, we feeling real emotions again?" Cool. Let's get it. I'm back.

## Wilko Johnson

"Blow Your Mind" (UMe/Chess)

Wilko Johnson's new album is a raucous blast of life, overshadowed by mortality.

At 70, the British guitarist has been invigorated by a reprieve from death. In 2012, Johnson — former member of U.K. blues-rock rabbble-rousers Dr. Feelgood — was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and was told it was terminal. He went on a farewell tour and recorded a "final" album with Roger Daltrey of The Who.

Then a fan who was also a cancer specialist offered to help. After surgery to remove a 6.6-pound tumor, Johnson announced in 2014 he was cancer-free.

Now he's back with "Blow Your Mind," his first album of new material in three decades, and a record Johnson says he thought he'd never make.

Musically, he hasn't changed much from the raw-boned musician who emerged from England's Canvey Island in the 1970s with a choppy, relent-



less guitar style and a thousand-yard glare — a look terrifying enough to earn him a role as a silent executioner on "Game of Thrones."

Joined by longtime collaborators Norman Watt-Roy on bass and drummer Dylan Howe, he offers up dirty, bluesy rock on tracks like the swaggering love anthem "Blow Your Mind," the catchy, singalong-style "Tell Me One More Thing" or the strutting "That's the Way I Love You."

The lyrics, written in the shades of death, sometimes take a melancholy turn. "Marijuana" muses on anxiety as darkness steals in. "Somewhere in the dark there's a clock ticking out my time," Johnson sings to Steve Weston's spicy, soulful harmonica backing.

"Low Down" is meditative blues, seasoned with Weston's harmonica and organ from former Style Council keyboardist Mick Talbot. The poignant penultimate song, "Say Goodbye," finds Johnson musing: "Lucky river, rolling on. ... Now it's time to say goodbye."

But not just yet. The album closer, "Slamming," is a romping instrumental that sees Johnson's guitar cavorting with Talbot's boogie-woogie piano. Even in dark times, let the good times roll.

— Jill Lawless  
Associated Press

## WEEKEND: MUSIC



Courtesy of Frank Maddocks

# Life after death

**Mike Shinoda addresses tragedy of Linkin Park bandmate's suicide head-on through solo album**

By MIKAEL WOOD  
*Los Angeles Times*

**M**ike Shinoda's wife used to joke that his tear ducts were broken.

As the sonic mastermind of Linkin Park, this southern California native spent years creating carefully detailed tracks — dense with serrated guitars and throbbing hip-hop beats — that showcased the signature wail of talented but troubled frontman Chester Bennington.

Shinoda did more than program and produce; he rapped too, and with plenty of aggression to match the band's forceful attack. Even at his most intense, though, Shinoda as a vocalist always put across something of an intellectual quality — outraged, but not agonized.

"By nature, I'm very analytical," he acknowledged recently. "So even if I'm going to talk about something that's really emotional, I'll communicate it in a way that's organized."

"Maybe it's because I'm half Japanese and was raised with that Japanese approach to things," he added, then laughed. "I'm sure there's a Japanese word for it that I'm forgetting."

With his new solo album, "Post Traumatic," Shinoda is revealing a different side of himself — although, as that title suggests, not necessarily by choice.

Released June 15, "Post Traumatic" chronicles the bruising aftermath of Bennington's death last July. The singer, 41, was found hanging hanged himself in his home in California's Palos Verdes Estates a week before Linkin Park was to begin a tour.

Shinoda's songs address the tragedy head-on. The rawness of his grief can be startling, as in the album's opener, "Place to Start," in which he describes "feeling like every next step's hopeless" in a voice just above a whisper. In "Nothing Makes Sense Anymore," he's "a shadow in the dark trying to put it back together as I watch it fall apart."

Then there's "Over Again," a mournful hip-hop cut that vividly recounts Shinoda's complicated thinking about a tribute concert Linkin Park played in Bennington's memory last October at the Hollywood Bowl — the band's only public performance, at least so far, without its beloved frontman.

"I think about not doing it the same way as before," Shinoda raps, his anxiety clearly audible. "And it makes me want to puke my... guts out on the floor."

"This is really a different record for Mike," said Chino Moreno of Deftones, a longtime friend who appears on "Post Traumatic," which emphasizes electronics over guitars and features additional cameos by Machine Gun Kelly and Blackbear. Moreno said he was "blown away" in particular by the immediacy of "Over Again."



**Mike Shinoda**

"Post Traumatic" (Warner Bros.)

"Post Traumatic" is the first album Mike Shinoda has released under his own name, and it's obvious that this wasn't the way he wanted to do it. It is a raw and painful tour through sorrow. Linkin Park partner Chester Bennington's name is never mentioned on the 16-track album, but his suicide last July looms over every song.

The album begins with the delicate "Place to Start," where Shinoda wonders "Can I put the past behind me?" and then plays tender vocalmen from friends reaching out after the tragedy. "Over Again" aches, as Shinoda is "tackled by the grief at times I would least expect." "Watching As I Fall" is a portrait of a broken artist alienated from his fans. In "Nothing Makes Sense Anymore," he's "a shadow in the dark trying to pull it back together." He freezes in the spotlight in "About You."

At this point, the dark, personal sadness is almost too much. But stay with it. After the neat instrumental "Brooding," Shinoda emerges from the tears. It's as if he's recovering his voice.

"Post Traumatic" isn't perfect — it sorely needs some more editing — but it's remarkably honest and intense.

— Mark Kennedy  
Associated Press

"My man wrote a verse before he went to that show and then wrote the second verse after he got back from the show," he said. "It's just this visceral reaction in real time."

Shinoda needed to take time before he could be so immediate. "Eleven months ago I was a mess," he said of the days after Bennington died. "I mean, I wasn't leaving my house."

"I couldn't hold on to the idea of what I wanted, even with simple things, for long enough to do anything about it," he said.

After a week or so, he went out to lunch with his wife, Anna. "I was, like, 'This is nice,'" he said. "And on the way back to the car we got trapped by two paparazzi. They were so gross, snapping pictures and asking me about Chester. I got home and was, like, 'That's exactly why I didn't leave. I'm not going out again.'"

Ensnared at his home, where he and Anna live with their two young children, Shinoda started painting and eventually "got up the courage to play some music — just to try and calm down and put a foundation under my feet that I could trust."

Moreno, whose Deftones bandmate Chi Cheng died in 2013, said he told Shinoda how much he'd been helped at that time by "burying" his head in creativity.

"You have maybe a little bit of guilt about doing it," Moreno said. "You're uncertain if it's OK to be creative. But music is a comfort — it's like a blanket for me. And I know it is for Mike too. We talked a lot about letting it happen and not feeling bad about it."

Asked about Linkin Park's future — if indeed the band has a future — Shinoda sighed. "Whenever I say anything with regards to our plans, it turns into a clickbait headline," he said. "But my gut is that I want it to work out. I'll be looking for ways for it to work out."

In a sense, the club also includes Linkin Park's devoted fans, many of whom are no doubt looking to Shinoda's album in the hopes that it might articulate their own grief.

Shinoda said he's aware of that responsibility. Having talked with thousands of fans over the years about their struggles with depression or addiction, he knows how seriously they take the band's music.

His experience with Bennington, though, has changed his understanding of the role he plays.

"Look, anyone would do anything we could help somebody," he said. "But really it's up to you. You have to be the one to decide to do something about it, because nobody else can be with you 24/7. And that's one of the tougher things about this whole thing."

"... I don't look at this as an inspirational record. I'm not going to go out and save a bunch of people. My intention is just to go out there and tell my story."

# WEEKEND: BOOKS

By MARY CAROLE McCUALEY

*The Baltimore Sun*

**T**he novelist Lauren Groff lives in the Sunshine State but finds herself inexorably drawn to the shade.

That's a comment she has probed relentlessly in three novels (including the bestselling "Fates and Furies") and two short story collections. And it explains why she decided to name her fifth work of fiction (and newest volume of stories) "Florida."

"People who don't know Florida carry around the idea that it is a place of perpetual sunshine and Mickey Mouse ears, a place that is a little bit ridiculous," says the 39-year-old author. "But people who live here also see the darkness. There's a pervasive, constant dread that is a mental state but also a physical and environmental state."

The longer that Groff talks about the deceptive nature of appearances, the more it seems that she's talking about herself. The tall woman with the classic bone structure is a fitness buff who swam competitively when she was young — her sister is the Olympic triathlete Sarah True. Groff is married to her Amherst College sweetheart, and they have two sons, aged 7 and 9.

Her first novel was shortlisted for the prestigious Orange Prize. Her second was named one of the best books of 2012 by The Washington Post and The New York Times. Her third was a finalist for the National Book Award, was Amazon.com's 2015 book of the year, and was chosen by former U.S. President Barack Obama as his favorite read during the past 12 months.

It all sounds extremely enviable. But the 40-something women who populate Groff's stories struggle to live up to their internalized expectations. They are wracked by ambivalence. They desperately want to communicate to the people they love but are beset by the conviction they've failed.

"These are feelings," Groff says, "that are shared by almost all of the mothers I know. We're all duds that under the surface are paddling as hard as we can."

She talked with The Baltimore Sun about the inspiration for her characters, the different expectations readers have of male and female novelists, and her inability to feel genuinely comfortable no matter where she's living — and why that's a feeling she cherishes.

**The Baltimore Sun:** In one of your stories, the main character realizes reluctantly that she feels at home anywhere, that place would be Florida. Has that also become true for you?

**Groff:** At times I feel trapped by Florida; there are parts of it that I dread and parts that I love passionately. I belong here because it's where my children were born and where the people I love the most in the planet are happiest.

As a writer, it's your job not to feel comfortable anywhere, so Florida is probably a good place for me to be. Writing is a deeply oppositional art form. As a writer, you're always pushing against the constraints you've been given.

**Place has always been terribly important in your books. Would you be a different kind of writer if you lived in Colorado or Maine?**

I would be a profoundly different writer. Where you live changes who you are on almost a cellular level. I grew up in upstate New York and I can clearly delineate my own change in my character after I moved to Florida. If you come from a hilly, cold place with four very clear seasons, there's a natural bent towards reticence and towards speed so you can get inside and away from the cold. In the summer, there's a bursting, almost operatic feeling when you're suddenly released from all your binds.

In Florida, you do have seasons, but you have 100 of them, and they are contingent on which plants are flowering. Now, it's magnolia season and before that it was Confederate Jasmine season and before that it was camellia season. It takes a different kind of noticing. Summers you hibernate inside because it's brutally hot, so it's the opposite

## NOT ALWAYS SUNNY

Author talks about Florida's dark side, inspiration for characters, relating to male, female readers

**"At times I feel trapped by Florida; there are parts of it that I dread and parts that I love passionately," said Lauren Groff, author of "Florida," a collection of short stories where the state itself — rather than its characters — takes center stage.**

Courtesy of Kristin Kozelsky

from New York.

**How do stories start for you — with a picture in your head of a place or a particular character, a voice or a sentence?**

Novels and stories are completely different processes.

With a novel, I'm trying to get at a larger idea that's sitting really uncomfortably in my heart. No matter what I do I can't accept it, so I write a novel in that direction. I know it will take years. I read hundreds of books and write hundreds of pages that will be destroyed. When I wrote "The Monsters of Temptation," I was deeply and profoundly homesick and wanted to re-create a place through mythology. "Arcadia" was about the really fundamental emotional question of how we bring children into a world we are killing. "Fates and Furies" was about who gets to tell the stories.

A short story is different. Sometimes images or characters waltz into my head, or an individual sentence. I don't act on a short story until I put it back onto the compost heap of my subconscious and let it mature. Over the years new things flow in, and eventually the story becomes mature enough so that it blocks out the larger projects I'm working on and makes me want to write it.

**All the stories in "Florida" have female narrators except for one, "At the Round Earth's Imagined Corners." How did you decide to tell that story from the point of view of a young boy?**

Each of these stories is built around a grain of sand, an individual person I have known. Sometimes it's just a hand gesture, and they would never know that they were the basis for the character. In that story, the main character had to be male because he



was inspired by someone in particular.

**Will you tell me who?**

[Laughs.] No.

**Some of your stories intentionally mislead readers into assuming initially they're autobiographical — only to have you take the story in a direction that clearly never occurred in real life. Do you enjoy messing with our expectations?**

I've been playing with this very deliberately in my work. The characters in "Florida" who seem the most autobiographical are not in many ways. I'm very cognizant that people tend to overcribe autobiography to any woman's writing. People will still ask autobiographical questions of female authors in interviews and at readings. Part of the joy I get is sowing confusion into the readers' minds; they're going to assume my stories and novels are autobiographical anyway because I'm a woman.

Did you see how during the recent lionization of Philip Roth [after the author died May 22], the tributes were very careful to never conflate him with Zuckerman? [Nathan Zuckerman is a character created by Roth who, like the late author, is a Jewish-American novelist.] Part of it is the willingness to concede authority to male writers. People are much less likely to grant authority to writers who are women.

**Has writing gotten any easier now that you've been doing it for a few decades?**

It's funny — the more books you write, the more of a struggle it is. I look back at the first three books I wrote, and I marvel at how relatively quick and joyous the writing was. I've been doing this for 20 years, and I'm still terrified on a daily basis.



### Florida

Lauren Groff

"Florida" brings together 11 stories that for the most part have been published in recent years with favorable critical notice.

Several were published in The New Yorker magazine and several were picked to be among "The Best American Short Stories."

For Groff's fans, "Florida" is a handy place to read or revisit her recent short pieces. For those unfamiliar with her work, the collection can be a not-so-smooth introduction.

Often edgy, troubling or painfully grim, the stories are not sunny welcome to a state of endless beaches and blue skies. But Groff, whose pages are filled with potent, original prose, is a gifted guide to a strikingly vivid Florida of the mind.

In "Eyewall," a hurricane batters a woman's Florida homestead as she seeks refuge inside. The arrival of the hurricane, mixed with the woman's nightmarish mental flights into her past, is brilliantly described moment by moment: "The lake goose-bumped; I might have been looking at the sensitive flesh of an enormous lizard. The swing in the oak made larger arcs over the water. The painfiers nodded, accepting the dance."

In a few of the stories, Florida is only tangentially related to the characters or events, but in others it is elemental: storms, swamps, scrub forests and run-down camps form eerie backdrops as vestiges of Old Florida give way to New Florida's modern angst.

Many of the main characters in these stories are in search of stability or a personal sense of peace. Most are women, although one is a man raised in a "Cracker-style house at the edge of a swamp," and two are young sisters fighting starvation on an island.

There is real fear in the sisters' story, "Dogs Go Wolf," as there is for a young boy in "For the God of Love, for the Love of God," a superbly turned tale touching on class and deception.

The most harrowing story, "Above and Below," describes the emotional descent of a young grad school dropout. Driving away from the university, she "opened the window and smelled the queer dank musk of deep-country Florida."

She is on a journey into a land of deepening perils, mental and physical.

Groff makes this story, like most others in her new collection, an extraordinary trip for the reader.

— Kendal Weaver/AP

# WEEKEND: TELEVISION & DVD

## NEW ON DVD

**"Pacific Rim Uprising":** The sequel to the 2013 Guillermo del Toro film, "Pacific Rim," continues the story of what would happen if gigantic creatures called Kaiju came slithering into our world. The only way to battle the beasts is with gigantic robots known as Jaegers that are so huge it takes two pilots locked at the cerebellum to make them work. In the first film, the moody and dark Idris Elba was in charge of saving the world. The job has been handed down to his rebellious son, Jake Pentecost (John Boyega). There was a time when Jake was a promising Jaeger pilot, but he gave it up. It's been 10 years after the war ended when Jake is forced back into the program. The timing is perfect because a new threat has surfaced that could end the world.

"Pacific Rim Uprising" looks like a junior high drama department's spring production of "Pacific Rim" where the story has been watered down, the actors are a pale imitation of the original team and action scenes come across as leftover bits from better action offerings. There's a promise at the end of another film, "Pacific Rim Uprising" is such a mess that the chance of another is more of a threat than a promise.

**"Alex & Me":** A family-friendly film that looks at what happens when teenager Reagan Willis (Siena Agudong) dreams of playing soccer like her hero, Alex Morgan, but faces huge issues. When Reagan fails to make the cut of the top local soccer club team and is humiliated by her rival, her dream turns into a nightmare. That changes when Reagan accidentally hits her head and the poster of Alex Morgan (playing herself) comes to life. Siena shows skill both on and off the field and anchors the movie. But, while Morgan brings a touch of reality to the project and does a passable job, it would have been a better strategy to have gone with a fictional sports star so an actor could take part on the part. It would have made Siena's work even better.

Also new on DVD:

**"Midnight Sun":** Teen falls in love despite dealing with a condition that prevents her from going into the sunlight.

**"Masterpiece: Man in an Orange Shirt":** Story of star-crossed love between two soldiers, separated by time and honoring the 50th anniversary of the decriminalization of homosexuality.

**"The Death of Stalin":** Follows the action of a tyrannical ruler's inner circle in the days after the leader's death.

**"In Syria":** (Woman (Hiam Abbass)) struggles to keep her family and neighbors safe by turning her apartment into a shelter.

**"Night of the Lepus":** Giant mutant rabbits are on the loose in the '70s cult classic.

**"The Jazz Ambassadors":** Cold War and civil rights movement come together in a story of music, diplomacy and race.

**"Dark Matter: Season Three":** Six anomalies wake up in a deserted space station in this sci-fi series.

**"Furious":** Knight leads the charge to avenge his love and his homeland.

**"The Swap":** Two teens switch lives. Peyton List stars.

**"Frat Pack":** When a young man travels to his mother's wedding, he gets dragged on a decadent adventure with his new brothers-in-law.

**"Double Lover":** A love affair with a psychologist goes badly for a young woman.

— Rick Bentley/Tribune News Service

# Heavy lifting

Billy Bob Thornton happy to be part of Amazon Prime drama

Amazon Prime

Billy Bob Thornton stars in the Amazon Prime series "Goliath," now in its second season.

By RICK BENTLEY  
Tribune News Service

**T**here's no holding back for Billy Bob Thornton. When the Oscar-winning actor is in front of a camera or an audience, he gives everything emotionally, spiritually and artistically he has to the performance. Logic would suggest that might be dangerous in a TV series because of more and more times he must go deeply to the acting well. Whether it is a one-episode guest spot or a continuing production, Thornton treats them the same way.

"You don't want to waste something by holding back, because what if you don't get the chance to do the role again? Whatever is happening in the moment or if I have an idea, I will do it," Thornton says.

He didn't hold back in any episodes of the Amazon Prime series "Goliath's" first season, and that earned him more chances to play every moment to the max with the second season. Thornton reprises his role as Billy McBride, who, after winning a huge verdict in the Burns Tech case, is pulled back into the madness of the legal world when his friend's teenage son is arrested for a double homicide. What becomes clear is that the murder case is just part of a criminal activity cornucopia.

Thornton has such a great passion for the character that earned him a Golden Globe for Best Actor in a Drama series, he was happy to get the chance to keep playing him. If the original plans for the show had gone as intended, Thornton would have never been part of the streaming series.

Lawrence Trilling, the "Goliath" executive producer who has directed numerous episodes, explains that Kevin Costner was to play the role until he was backed out. He is delighted that with Thornton they not only get his passionate approach to the role, but his unwavering determination to make sure every scene is as near perfect as possible.

The new season of "Goliath" also stars Mark Duplass ("Room 104") portraying a developer who wants to create a new skyline for Los Angeles. Duplass, who has a strong background in improvising and writing, praises Thornton's work ethic in a scene that doesn't show any life the way it's written.

"I will keep working on a scene until I beat the honesty into it," Thornton says. "Some days you just have scenes that are flat as a pancake and we have to do something about this. And we always figure it out."

Getting "Goliath" just right meant a change of thinking for Thornton and those working on the series. He keeps reminding himself and everyone else this is not traditional television, where the work is rushed because 22 or more episodes have to be finished to give sponsors a place to put their commercials. Thornton jokes that on a show like "Goliath," you will never see him deliver a cliffhanger line of dialogue that leads to a commercial break.

He wants all the energy put into making the series as compelling, smart and entertaining as possible. The biggest difference Thornton sees between "Goliath" and some other series is that everyone behind the streaming series goes to work knowing their audience is smart. That means they can't be lazy or take shortcuts in telling the story.

The second season of "Goliath" gets a boost because much of the groundwork is already in place. Thornton describes McBride as being as flawed and possessed by demons as he was the first year, despite having a few more dollars in his pocket. McBride's not the kind of guy you would necessarily want as a best friend, but he's the person you need when there's a tough legal battle to be fought.

Thornton pulls up short of describing McBride as an antihero.

"I guess that's a label that's been on a lot of characters over the years, and I've played a few of those. The thing that appealed to me was a guy whose sense of justice is not exactly what's legal. It's more what's fair, he believes," Thornton says. "But he's also got a bunch of flaws."

"Every human being has their flaws, and he's not always right. And he also doesn't always do things on the up and up. He's kind of a guy who uses whatever means he has, which I guess any lawyer does."

Thornton got a small taste of playing a lawyer with a cameo appearance in the 2014 feature film "The Judge." While he was making movies like "Armageddon" and "Sling Blade," he always liked the idea of one day playing a lawyer because they have a lot of similarities to actors. Both rehearse and put on a show.

This is the second television series for Thornton in recent years. He's made guest appearances on TV shows — including "The Big Bang Theory" (a job he loved) — but before 2014's "Fargo," Thornton had not had a recurring role on a series since "Hearts Afire" in the mid-1990s.

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Universal Pictures

"Pacific Rim Uprising" is now out on DVD.

# WEEKEND: HEALTH & FITNESS

By KELLI KENNEDY  
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**I**t's one thing when hotels open fitness centers, but quite another when fitness centers open hotels.

Luxe gym Equinox is opening a hotel in New York's new Hudson Yards neighborhood next year in a move that embodies the evolution of wellness travel.

Most hotels have beefed up fitness options — you can book rooms with stationary bikes and rent workout clothes — but wellness travel has become much more than just keeping fit while on the road. Increasingly it's become the point of the journey. And it's bringing in big dollars.

Whether it's foraging for your own medicinal herbs in Peru, cycling across the California coastline or spending several thousand dollars to work out alongside celeb trainer Tracy Anderson in Aspen, Colo., wellness tourists made 691 million trips in 2015, according to the Global Wellness Institute.

In the past, wellness vacations straddled between starvation-style bootcamps or relaxing spa weekends to detox from an unhealthy lifestyle. But as self-care has evolved into a daily goal, it's found an obvious match in travel. International and domestic wellness tourism brought in \$563 billion in 2015, up from \$489 billion in 2013, according to the Global Wellness Institute. Wellness travel is expected to grow to \$808 billion by 2020.

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Marshal Cohen

an analyst for the trend group NPD

The travel trend has mirrored the shift in retail. Gone are the days when shoppers head to a brick-and-mortar store to buy shoes that they could only buy online. Instead, they're being lured to stores by experiences.

Similarly, vacationers are less excited about lying on the beach with umbrella drinks. They too want a more immersive experience, like a yoga meditation retreat or surf camp, to connect with others and revitalize themselves, experts say.

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The Curtain Bluff resort in Antigua launched a new wellness concierge where guests can meet with the team at no extra charge to design their own fitness program including everything from zumba to pilates. Amanpuri's resort in Phuket, Thailand, created several wellness immersions, where

guests can focus on fitness, weight loss, digestive cleanses or mental awareness during a three- to 14-night vacation. Offerings include reiki, an alternative stress-reduction therapy, and life-coaching.

The trend is even spilling over to cruises, once stereotyped as weight-gaining vacations with bottomless buffets. Now, wellness can be the point of the cruise. Holland America Line, in partnership with O, The Oprah Magazine, has programs for meditation and healthy living.

Cruise passengers can also combine wellness with sightseeing in ports of call. Take a shore excursion on a Regents Seven Seas cruise, for example, and you might end up doing yoga on a coconut plantation in Ko Samui, Thailand, or outdoor tai chi in Marseille, France, with a view of the sea on one side and a palace on the other.

"We are seeing (cruise) lines of every ilk and size embrace healthy eating, fitness, all sorts of positive, new kinds of approaches to yoga and that kind of thing," said CruiseCritic editor at large Carolyn Spencer Brown.

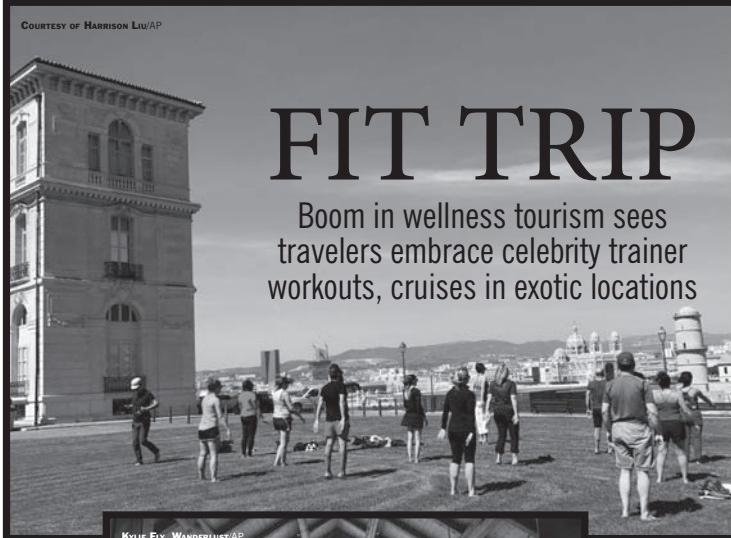
Savvy athleisure retailers are

also seizing on it. Lululemon and Free People, a bohemian line popular with yogis, have both branched into wellness tourism. Free People's retreats started a few years ago where participants can exercise and try journaling or tarot card workshops in spots like Glacier National Park.

Zen travelers are shelling out thousands to follow celebrity trainers to exotic destinations. Tracy Anderson, who is Gwyneth Paltrow's business partner and the trainer who shapes Jennifer Lopez's famous booty, hosts a handful of intimate weekends each year with less than 40 guests. Participants sweat alongside the fitness guru and get to know her during fireside-style chats in cities including Miami and Aspen. The weekends, priced at several thousand dollars, always sell out.

# FIT TRIP

**Boom in wellness tourism sees travelers embrace celebrity trainer workouts, cruises in exotic locations**



According to the Global Wellness Institute, wellness tourists made 691 million trips in 2015. Destinations include, from top, a cruise stopover in Marseille, France, for an outdoor tai chi class; a music and yoga festival in Bondville, Vt.; and a paddleboard workshop in North Lake Tahoe, Calif.

Shakira's trainer Anna Kaiser leads a few trips a year, including recent stints in Ojai and Austin. And retreats for the hot work-out du jour The Class by Taryn Toomey have all sold out, often within one hour. Toomey's guests pay between \$2,000 and \$6,000 for her cathartic workouts with options for beachside massages and picturesque hikes in spots like Mustique and Mexico.

Roughly 100,000 wellness lovers attended über-popular Wanderlust festivals across North America last year, partaking in everything from yoga and meditation to stand-up paddle-

boarding and spinning in spots like Oahu, Hawaii, and Squaw Valley, Calif.

Meghan Atosmios loved Wanderlust's Vermont event so much last year that she's heading back in a few weeks.

The 39-year-old public relations exec from Delaware says she was eager to take yoga classes with one of the celebrity teachers. She also took a poetry session with a teacher she'd been following online.

"It comes down to having an experience, and especially in the summer I look for new adventures," she said.

## WEEKEND: FAMILY



# Tackling tough subjects

Children's book addresses police shootings, racism

By HELENA OLIVERO

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

**M**ichael Brown, Eric Garner, 12-year-old Tamir Rice. As a series of high-profile killings of black men and boys by police officers shook the country, Atlanta child psychologists and longtime colleagues Dr. Marietta Collins, Dr. Marianne Celano and Dr. Ann Hazzard wanted to do something to spark conversations about racial injustice, counter negative stereotypes and encourage young people to embrace people of all races, cultures and backgrounds. Collins, Celano and Hazzard decided to write a children's book that tackles not only police shootings, but systematic racism going back centuries.

The trio, who met more than 25 years ago as faculty members at Emory University School of Medicine, started penning a book titled "Something Happened in Our Town" about two years ago. The book features two families — a white family and a black family — as they both discuss a police shooting of a black man.

Published by Magination Press, which is the children's book imprint of the American Psychological Association, the new book retails for \$16.99. It was originally scheduled to be released later this summer, but was moved up after the shooting of 22-year-old Stephon Clark in the yard of his grandmother's home in Sacramento, Calif., police said. Officers believed he was holding a gun, but only a cellphone was recovered. No charges have been filed against the two police officers in Clark's case — or against the police officers in the cases of Brown, Garner and Rice. The shooting of Clark sparked protests and outrage.

The book, designed for children

ages 4-8, is direct in its approach. The book begins like this:

*Something bad happened in our town. The news was on the TV, the radio and the internet. The grown-ups didn't think the kids knew about it. But the kids in Ms. Garcia's class heard some older kids talking about it, and they had questions.*

The book discusses a police shooting, and then parents and children have a conversation about a pattern of racial bias and racism in our country. The authors said they wanted to make clear that police killings of unarmed black children and men should not be viewed as flawed action on the part of individual police officers, but as a consequence of the broader problem of structural racism. The book discusses ways to confront and change this pattern, and in the book, they use the pattern of a metaphor to illustrate the point. The white mother asks her daughter, Emma — suppose you had a birthday party and invited everyone in your class except the black kids.

"They would be sad," Emma said. "Or mad."

"And YOU would be missing out, because you never know who is going to be your best friend," said Liz, her sister.

When the book switches to a black family, a young boy named Josh is troubled by the news of a police shooting.

His father tells him there are many cops, black and white, who make good choices, but adds, "We can't always count on them to do what's right."

The book includes an extensive resource guide with multiple pages devoted to helping parents with everything from how to address racial bias with children to how to respond

### Guidance for parents

An excerpt from the resource and guidance section of the book "Something Happened in Our Town":

Take the time to address your child's questions or comments. Do not ignore or sidestep them with blanket reassurances (e.g., "We are all the same inside"). If your child makes a negative racial comment, ask him or her in a non-judgmental tone, "What makes you say that?" Your child's answer may provide an opportunity to counter generalizations or to increase empathy.

Encourage multidimensional views of others. Preschoolers tend to view people as all good or all bad. You can help your child to recognize human complexity and learn to consider both similarities and differences between people in appearance, feelings, preferences and behaviors.

Balance your acknowledgment of the reality of racism with messages about hope for change and the availability of help.

Be prepared to talk about what your child sees and hears. He or she might need help in understanding community events or news stories. It might be difficult to limit your child's exposure to graphic images or overly detailed information about community violence, but try to do so to avoid inducing undue anxiety.

if your child tells a racist joke or makes a sweeping comment about black boys in class.

"We don't want families to just read the book," said Collins. "We want it to be interactive. We want it to be a springboard for conversations about bias and prejudice."

**Top:** Dr. Marietta Collins and Dr. Marianne Celano, Atlanta-based child psychologists, worked along with Dr. Ann Hazzard on a new children's book, "Something Happened in Our Town."

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### THE MEAT AND POTATOES OF LIFE

Lisa Smith Molinari



## The realization that it's not all about me

**H**oney, my job is a priority," my husband reminded me, after saying that he would not be home to help pack for our family vacation. Every summer, Francis' work seems to get in the way of our annual beach trip. It's become tradition for me to do all the planning, packing, dog-kenneling, kid-nagging and driving to the North Carolina, while Francis shows up late "because he has to work."

This year, Francis was not only going to arrive at the beach after I've made beds and chilled beverages, he was also departing early "for work," leaving me to clean, repack and make the 12-hour drive home.

So, I was feeling sorry for myself.

"Military spouses are expected to do everything," I thought while wrestling the heavy snows down the steps of our shed. The grass was so long, I had to stop every lap to empty the clippings. My nails were stained green, a flying bit of mulch speared my shin, and I stepped in dog doo twice.

"I'm too old for this," I grumbled to myself.

At one point, I saw my 80-something-year-old neighbor, Sandy, waving a crumpled tissue at me from her side of the fence.

"How have you been?" I asked after silencing the mower.

"I have a problem with my teeth," she said, oddly. She went on to explain that her dog, a huge Labradoodle named Zoey, had chewed up her bridge. I noted gaps in her molars as she spoke.

"Oh, I just love your dog," she said, looking over at our yellow lab. "What's her name again?"

"He's male, and his name is Moby." I had told her this many times before.

"You know," she said, gesturing excitedly to the street with her hand, "Sandy got out and came over to my kitchen door one day!" Sandy had also told me this before, about how smart our dog must be to have found Zoey's house. "Your dog loves Zoey. What's her name again?"

We went around in circles like this a few more times, talking about the same things we always talked about — our dogs, which pine trees shed too many needles, Sandy's old house in Connecticut. I glanced down at my watch. Still so much to do to get ready for vacation. I tried to make a break for it.

"Hey, could you come over with your dog so I can show you my cabin?" Sandy pleaded. She had asked to show me her little log house several times since we moved to the neighborhood a year ago, but I had always avoided it. This time, Sandy got the better of me.

We entered Sandy's kitchen door, and she giggled when Moby lapped from Zoey's bowls. She shuffled me through her tiny kitchen, an unused guest bedroom, and the log living room. Home Shopping Channel was on the television. A dusty ceramic Christmas tree sat on the mantle with cards from her grown children who lived out of state. Sandy told me to climb the stairs to the loft to see the dollhouse that she had put there in case grandchildren ever visited. They were too old for dolls now.

Having seen her cabin, I poised myself to make an exit. "Sit for a minute, would you?" Sandy gestured to a creaky wicker settee and smiled widely despite the gaps in her molars. "I'll open the window so we can smell the sea."

Sandy talked more about her old house in Connecticut, her grown children, and the dogs, before she asked me if I wanted to see her doll house. I explained that I'd already seen it.

"Oh, yes ... what's your name again?" I wrote my name, address, phone number and "Moby (male dog)" in large block letters on an index card Sandy retrieved from a kitchen drawer.

"You can bring Zoey over to play at my house next time," I told her.

Walking home, I remembered the board games I needed to pack, the damp grass I needed to cut, the laundry I needed to finish, and the 12-hour drive I had to make to the beach with the kids.

And I was grateful.

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# WEEKEND: CROSSWORD AND COMICS

## NEW YORK TIMES CROSSWORD

**TRICKY TRIOS**  
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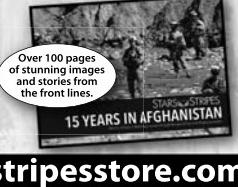
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## Behind the making of Jack-Jack,



# summer's breakout star

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**Bob/Mr. Incredibile, voiced by Craig T. Nelson, left, holds Jack-Jack in the summer flick "Incredibles 2."**

By JAKE COYLE  
Associated Press

The breakout star of the summer moviegoing season isn't a dinosaur, an Avenger or anyone aboard the Millennium Falcon. It's a giggling pipsqueak in diapers.

"The Incredibles 2," which last weekend set a new box-office record for animated films with \$182.7 million in ticket sales, has been a coming out party for Jack-Jack, the seemingly all-powerful baby of the Parr family. Jack's superhero powers were teased in 2004's original, but, they were, crucially, kept out of view from

his family members.

"The Incredibles 2," though, is a runaway-train of Jack-Jack revelations. Just as infants half-consciously babble and wobble as they feel out their abilities, Jack-Jack's unknowingly careens through his Swiss Army Knife of superpowers. A sneeze rocks him through the roof. Anger turns him into a purple devil. His crib can be escaped by simply walking through the bars. (Those are just some of his powers. Estimates run as high as 17.)

The New York Times called him "the burbling, gurgling cherub on this confection." The Wall Street Journal hypothesized that



Jack-Jack could be "as valuable a commodity for Disney's Pixar as the Minions who stole the show in Universal's 'Despicable Me.'"

Jack-Jack fever has struck. And that's been especially enjoyable for the real-life Jack-Jack, who was just a toddler when the first "Incredibles" was hitting theaters. Pixar animator Tony Fucile, who supervised animation and designed the characters

for both "Incredibles" movies, used recordings of his infant son, Eli, to craft Jack-Jack's voice.

Eli Fucile, now 16, is in the strange position of starring in one of the year's biggest movies, while being unable to recall ever participating in it.

"I didn't really understand it when I was younger. But as time went by, I realized: 'Wow, I was actually in a pretty good movie,'" said Eli in his first interview. "It's been nice to see all the feedback. I guess everyone loves Jack-Jack."

Eli was 10-months old when his father, a regular collaborator with "Incredibles" director Brad Bird, was animating the first film.

Tony's newborn son, also gifted with an especially spherical head, resembled the baby they were in the midst of creating.

"We actually designed the character first and then the actual being came into existence," said Tony. "I was talking to Brad and I said, 'You know, Eli's been doing some wacky sounds. It's this sort of pre-verbal jag he goes on. He'll wake up and he just goes. It's laughter and sort of all over the place. Kind of like Stromboli (of 'Pinocchio').'"

Bird, intrigued, got Tony an audio recorder and boom mic, and instructed him how to use it.

"He was very runnieskety about the sound," said Tony. "He said, 'Cover up the windows with blankets and then point the mic at his mouth.' When (Eli) woke up from a nap, he was in that mood, ready to riff. So my wife and I started following him around the house for about an hour and a half."

Those recordings have remained like the Dead Sea Scrolls of Jack-Jack. They supplied the basis of the character's voice for the first "Incredibles," a 2005 Jack-Jack short and even the new sequel. Though Eli is the top credited voice actor, there's some composite work. To voice the purple monster version of Jack-Jack, Bird used recordings of one of his sons, the now 13-year-old Nick (who presumably was a less well-behaved baby).

Fucile assumed they'd need another infant for the sequel, but editor Stephen Shaefner was able to unearth still more from the original tape. "I wish we had done more recording," said Tony. "I didn't expect that it would last."

Eli estimates he lost the ability to make Jack-Jack sounds when he was 9 or 10 years-old. "Once the voice cracked, that was the end of that," said Tony. "Yeah, unfortunately," echoed Eli.

## Fallon didn't mean to 'normalize' President Trump during that infamous hair-ruffling interview

From wire reports

Jimmy Fallon's worst professional day came in front of the whole world: on the Sept. 15, 2016, episode of "The Tonight Show," the late-night host reached out and ruffled the hair of future President Trump.

At the time, Trump, the Republican nominee, was viewed as a long shot for the White House. Less than two years later, with Trump in the White House, the softball questions Fallon lobbed at the real estate mogul-turned-politician look worse. But even in the moments after, the optics of the cheeky petting were off.

"I did not do it to 'normalize' him or to say I believe in his political beliefs, or any of that stuff," Fallon told the Hollywood Reporter.

That's what it looked like, though, for the apolitical talk show host, viewers and pundits said in the days following. Even "Saturday Night Live," Fallon's old stomping grounds, got in on the action. "It just got bigger and out of control," the funnyman told the Hollywood Reporter. "I saw other comedians from other shows making fun of me on Twitter and I go, 'OK, now I'm just gonna get off.' They know the show. I'm just doing five hours a week. I get in at 10 in the morning, I work till seven at night, and I just trying to make a funny show."

To his friends and colleagues, Fallon insisted they should have known him better.

### McCartney to drop 17th album

Paul McCartney is inviting fans on a

musical journey as he prepares to release his 17th solo album.

The former Beatle, who turned 76 on Monday, announced on social media Wednesday that "Egypt Station" will be released Sept. 7. The title comes from the name of one of McCartney's paintings and it will be McCartney's first full album since "NEW" in 2013. McCartney posted the singles "I Don't Know" and "Come On To Me."

### Sons face off in 'Creed II'

The sons of Apollo Creed and Ivan Drago will pick up where their fathers left off more than 30 years ago.

MGМ and Warner Bros. Pictures on Wednesday released the first trailer for "Creed II," the sequel to the 2015 "Rocky" spinoff. Michael B. Jordan returns as Adonis Creed, with Sylvester Stallone by his side as former heavyweight champ and trainer Rocky Balboa. In the trailer, Balboa warns Creed his opponent is dangerous.

Creed is training to box Viktor Drago, the son of Ivan Drago, who killed Apollo Creed in "Rocky IV." Romanian boxer and kickboxer Florian Munteanu plays Viktor. The eighth film in the "Rocky" franchise is scheduled to be in theaters Nov. 21.

### Springer's show halted

Somehow it doesn't seem right for Jerry Springer to exit quietly. There should be one last thrown chair or a bleep-filled tirade, at the very least. Instead, it was an-

nounced with no fanfare this week that he will stop making new episodes of his memorably raucous talk show, and neither Springer nor his bosses will talk about it.

"The Jerry Springer Show" won't fully disappear; NBC Universal said this week that the CW and other networks that have bought the show in syndication will air reruns of the slugfest. Producers said "there is a possibility" that more original episodes could be ordered sometime in the future.

### Other news

■ A suspect has been charged in the shooting death of rising rap star XXXTentacion, authorities in Florida said Thursday. Dedrick Devonshay Williams, 22, of Pompano Beach was arrested shortly before 7 p.m. Wednesday, the Broward Sheriff's Office said in a news release sent Thursday. Jahseh Dwayne Onfroy, 20, who went by the stage name pronounced "Ex Ex Ex-ta-see-YAWN," was gunned down Monday as he left an upscale motorcycle dealership near Fort Lauderdale.

■ Nickelodeon is joining with HQ Trivia to celebrate the "Double Dare" reboot. A 1990s-themed trivia game will pair the Nickelodeon show's original host, Marc Summers, with HQ host Scott Rogowsky. The game will include "Double Dare" trivia questions and moments familiar to fans of the 1986 to 1993 series, including physical challenges and toss-ups. The HQ Trivia game will end with one contestant winning a cash prize and chance to appear

on "Double Dare," the companies said Wednesday. The game will be available on smart phones at 9 p.m. EDT Sunday.

■ The writing staffs of Netflix's "One Day at a Time" and Starz's "Vida," both Latinx-centric shows, have teamed up to "end family separation at the border," as "One Day at a Time" executive producer Gloria Reuben wrote Tuesday on Twitter to her more than 18,000 followers. The two shows' writing staffs have encouraged people to donate to the Refugee and Immigrant Center for Education and Legal Services (RAICES), a nonprofit Texas organization raising funds for legal assistance and to help parents post bond out of immigration jails.

■ Eva Longoria and husband Jose "Pepe" Baston welcomed a child, Santiago Enrique Baston, into the world on Tuesday. They say they are so grateful "for this beautiful blessing."

■ It's true, Pete Davidson says: He and Ariana Grande are engaged. The "Saturday Night Live" cast member confirmed their rumored engagement to Jimmy Fallon on NBC's "Tonight Show." Grande and Davidson reportedly began dating in May after Grande's breakup with Mac Miller.

■ Peter Fonda apologized Wednesday for a Twitter rant in which he suggested 12-year-old Barron Trump should be ripped from "his mother's arms and put in a cage with pedophiles." The two-time Oscar nominee said in a statement hours later that he was upset over children separated from their parents on the U.S.-Mexico border.

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# Alcoholism part of Bourdain's painful story

By JO ANN TOWLE

Special to the Lexington (Ky.) Herald-Leader

I didn't know Anthony Bourdain, but I feel like I did in one small important way. In him, I saw a drinking alcoholic with a front-stage vigorous attempt to do it successfully. His was a fantastic life-embracing show, with drinking taking a prominent role in the joie de vivre, and sometimes that made it hard for me to watch.

When he threw back shots, indeed got wasted, I saw a fellow alcoholic living dangerously whereas most viewers I imagine saw "a man who knew how to drink, knew how to live." His state of mind will be called depression, and who can argue that in the face of suicide? But can we please, people, start connecting the dots to alcoholism (also of the mind), at least when it is screamingly evident?

Perhaps I should not presume to think I know, but I can at least invite the conversation where it is uncomfortable and amazingly absent. Did alcoholism (which brings depression or ineffectively "treats" depression), ultimately take down Anthony Bourdain?

Alcohol is a drug. "Drugs" and "alcohol" remain separate in conversations about addiction like a "bad sister," doing outrageous unthinkable things while the "good sister" quietly nurses a prom hangover and shame from a blackout.

Can Bourdain's death please generate a conversation about alcoholism and not just bafflement about his fantastic life countless people wish they had. Because you don't. The travel, the breadth of his life, sure, maybe. What an experience-rich life. But this man on the move had to stop

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sometimes. No cameras, no action. Just I do not presume to know him, but I know addiction and it can be a fiercely critical companion that may take a back seat but lies in wait. It can tear us down and sometimes just won't shut up — goading shame, self-loathing, and inviting emotional isolation.

Then you're an addict, as he proclaimed he was, it's highly risky to keep one drug on board. He had respect and fear of the "hard drugs," reportedly grateful and humble for having escaped death by addiction decades ago.

We'll be talking about depression and suicide for days now, with Kate Spade's and Bourdain's suicides, until another famous person with a seemingly magnificent life shocks us. Bourdain was a famous, beloved "bad boy" as one friend described him. He demonstrated a generosity of self. He cared deeply, it would seem, about injustice, and about the opiate addicted with whom he empathized. I've found, working with the addicted, both using and in recovery, that addicts/alcoholics are generally extremely sensitive souls.

Alcohol "works" for the alcoholic until it doesn't. It promises and delivers what

we seek from it for years, until it stops working. Yet still we want to drink like everybody else. Drinking is fun, right? It goes with culinary delights, correct? It enhances life, isn't that so? Well, yes, and no. Certainly ultimately "no" if you have the malady, which quietly marches on and in time takes our joy, even our will to live and carry on and pretend we're OK. We're not OK. We are just good actors. He perhaps was one of the best. With alcoholism, we make rules by the way, to prove we have control. We also break those rules. We take life by the tail, but dare I say, some weary of the show and let go.

This is a progressive, chronic, fatal disease with predictable stages. The brain science is in, and has been for years, yet it is ignored or given short shrift because drinking is such a huge part of our cultural fabric. We don't stop and think about it until we're forced to; until it's obvious, undeniable, that someone we care about is suffering.

Alcoholics minimize, deny, believe their drinking is under control, and refuse to connect the dots — that drinking for escape, relief or to solve problems is creating more problems, and is taking a toll on self-worth and perhaps cognition. The substance they are drinking for "a lift" is a depressant. The guilt, shame, powerlessness and depression can take us down.

Blessedly it can also wake us up to the true nature of our disease. We stop separating "drugs" from "alcohol." We find freedom from the tyranny that is addiction, that is alcoholism. Can we at least talk about it?

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# Domino's fixing potholes is an ominous sign

By NOAH SMITH

Bloomberg Opinion

I recently noticed a string of interesting news stories, all with the same theme: Domino's Pizza is donating money to 20 U.S. cities to be used for fixing potholes and cracked roads. Salesforce has donated \$1.5 million to reduce homelessness in San Francisco, and its CEO, Marc Benioff, has spoken of grander schemes to end homelessness in the city entirely. And Facebook is talking about renovating a defunct bridge that runs across the San Francisco Bay near its offices.

All of these initiatives, in and of themselves, are good things. It's good for potholes to be fixed, homeless people to be housed, and traffic congestion to be relieved. But the fact that it's private companies taking these steps is an ominous sign for the nation. It suggests a breakdown in the government's ability or willingness to carry out one of its core functions — the efficient provision of public goods.

When economists use the term "public goods," they mean something very specific. A public good is something that one person can use without making it less available to another person — in other words, a good that doesn't get "used up" in the way that goods like food or cars do. (The classical definition also requires that a public good be something you can't easily prevent people from using, like sunlight, or national defense, but this part of the definition isn't always useful.)

In reality, there are few perfectly public goods in the textbook sense. But lots of things have some public aspect to them, because they create positive spillovers that benefit people who don't pay for them. Roads and bridges benefit not just the people who drive on them, but also other

people who benefit from the economic activity enabled by transportation networks. Housing homeless people certainly is a moral obligation of society, for their safety and dignity. Incidentally it also results in a cleaner, safer city.

In most advanced societies, public goods — infrastructure, sanitation, national defense and others — are mostly provided by the government. There's a very deep result in economic theory that explains why this is the case. Public goods have an inherent free-rider problem: For anyone who can, the impulse is to let someone else foot the bill, and simply consume the public good for free. Businesses, nonprofits and wealthy individuals might provide some amount of public goods — for their own benefit and others' — but not the full amount that society needs.

Economists have theorized about just how much public good the private sector would provide in the absence of government. One classic paper by Theodore Bergstrom, Lawrence Blume and Hal Varian explores the question of how inequality affects the equation. They find that under some simple assumptions, a more unequal division of wealth results in more provision of public goods by the private sector. In other words, when a few people get really rich, they start acting like a government.

So companies like Domino's, Salesforce and Facebook might be venturing into public good provision because of rising inequality in the U.S. economy. While the moves might seem like marketing gags, they also provide value to the companies in question — Domino's drivers will use the roads, Facebook employees will commute over the bridge, and Salesforce people will live and work in a more ethical community. It might be that these companies

are reaching such a level of size and wealth that it no longer makes sense for them to wait for governments to fix these problems. While it's good of them to do this, inequality itself is an ominous trend for society.

Also, private provision of public goods might signal another, even scarier trend — government dysfunction. Bergstrom et al. find that government provision of public goods partially crowds out private provision. In other words, when governments are doing closer to the right amount of infrastructure, sanitation, etc., private parties are doing less, and vice versa.

In the U.S., government investment has been trending down, as a percentage of total economic output, for decades. This may be caused by diverging preferences. Some people would rather live in dense urban areas and take the train and walk the streets; others would rather live in the suburbs and use the roads. Some people care more about clean air and water than about commodity prices; others prize cheap fuel to sustain economic growth. Political polarization may be a sign that Americans just can't agree on what they want their governments to do.

Another factor is cost. Infrastructure in the U.S. is very expensive relative to other countries, which may deter governments from being willing to undertake infrastructure projects at all.

So while it's nice for companies like Domino's, Salesforce and Facebook to spend money on public goods, it's also a harbinger of some unpleasant trends. A more divided, unequal, sclerotic country will be a less pleasant place in which to live and do business.

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# OPINION

## What newspapers are saying at home

The following editorial excerpts are selected from a cross section of newspapers throughout the United States. The editorials are provided by The Associated Press and other state-side syndicates.

### Reversal doesn't erase cruelty *The Washington Post*

Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, a Florida Republican, is no bomb-thrower or name-caller. But when President Donald Trump this week said immigrants would "infest" the United States, she called the comment "repugnant, reprehensible and repulsive."

We also try not to toss insults around. We believe in civil discourse and in trying to understand the other side's point of view. But when it comes to tearing children away from their parents at the southern border, there is only one legitimate side. Trump's policy for the past weeks has been repugnant, reprehensible and repulsive. It could only be justified by those who view Salvadorans or Hondurans not as humans who deserve to live but as animals — as pests — who "infest."

We don't casually use the word "lie" either. But Trump and his secretary of homeland security, Kirstjen Nielsen, have been lying about the crisis at the border. It began April 6, when Attorney General Jeff Sessions declared an immediate "zero-tolerance" policy for everyone crossing illegally from Mexico. At any moment, Trump had it within his power to reverse that policy. Yet the administration maintained that it was powerless, that Democrats were at fault and that only an act of Congress could keep families together.

Now, faced with so much public opposition that Republicans were fearing for their midterm election prospects, Trump has taken all that back. On Wednesday, he signed an executive order that he says will ensure families remain unified. If this does not just become another way of stockpiling migrants and if the administration implements the order competently and humanely — which certainly cannot be assumed — it will be an improvement.

But all the damage can't be undone, and certainly all the lessons shouldn't be unlearned. The zero-tolerance policy was implemented so callously, with so little forethought — with about as much care as you would expend on infesting animals.

That one former U.S. immigration chief warned that some parents may never find their children again. Even for those who are reunited — and children were being torn away at a rate of some 400 per week — the trauma will cause lasting harm to some. Nor will the injury to America's reputation abroad be easily repaired.

As to lessons, if this episode of barbarism really is coming to an end, we should take heart that the American people rallied to the side of civilization, and that they could still make their voice heard through Congress. Reporters did the job they are meant to do, dispatching stories in audio, video, photo and written form, and Americans understood that — whatever the complexities of immigration law and immigration reform — this was wrong. Some officials and politicians understood that, too, and some did not. It will be important to remember which was which.

And it's important to note that even now, as he promised on Wednesday to reverse his policy of breaking families apart, Trump and his administration continued to trade in larger untruths about immigration in order to dehumanize and spread fear. In fact, immigration rates are not soaring. In fact, dangerous criminals are not streaming in from the Middle East. In fact, immigrants — legal and illegal — commit crime at a lower rate than native-born Americans. In fact, most immigrants are doing what they have always done: helping to



**The World Health Organization now says that compulsively playing video games qualifies as a mental health condition. Officials are calling the malady 'Gaming Disorder.'**

build up America and secure a better life for their children.

A more honorable president would respect their hard work and humanity.

### Some gamers risk their health *Chicago Tribune*

The World Health Organization has a lot on its plate these days. Ebola's made a comeback in central Africa. There are still parts of the world where polio has yet to be rubbed out. The agency is looking into the beginnings of a cholera outbreak in Cameroon, and continues the fight against malaria in parts of Latin America. Next up for the world's leading health agency? Um, video games.

The agency has just designated compulsive video gaming as a mental health disorder, adding it to the International Classification of Diseases, WHO's official list of medical conditions. WHO officials are calling the malady "Gaming Disorder." The goal of the new classification: better awareness among governments, health care providers and families about the risks and ramifications of compulsive video gaming.

It would be easy to write off the agency's decision as a nanny-group attempt to slap a label onto behavior that experts — always, experts — deem to be bad for us. Equating late nights on "Minecraft" with getting hooked on vodka or blackjack? Really?

But underlying the agency's declaration is an important reminder about addiction. It's not that every kid, or even most kids, glued to gaming screens suffer from obsessive-compulsive "Grand Theft Auto." In fact, WHO researchers say gaming disorders would apply to just 3 percent of all video game players.

But no matter what form it takes, an addiction corrodes connections to family, friends, work and much more. A line of cocaine, another double whiskey, the next spin of the wheel — alienates people from one another. With the lure of the display screen so prevalent today — the ceaseless barrage of emails, tweets, texts, Snapchats and, yes, games — some people lose sight of the richness of life beyond pixels.

That's why a group of former Silicon Valley software developers and behavioral scientists are urging all of us to focus on "digital wellness." The Washington Post recently reported on the group's "digital wellness movement," and on the backbone of that effort — the creation of apps that allow users to track their screen time. Many of us might spend less time fixated by our phones if we knew that so much of our day was devoted to scrolling and tapping.

"I'm not saying that technology is inherently bad," Duke University behavioral researcher Nick Fitz told The Post. As part of the digital wellness movement, Fitz created an app that groups smartphone notifications into batches delivered just three times daily — morning, afternoon and eve-

ning. "People should be conscious of how they're using [digital activity]," he said, "and how it's using them."

The WHO designation is a cri de coeur to all for screen-time vigilance. The technology exists to minimize usage of apps, video games, downloads, and to expand parental controls. Like everything else in life, digital wellness asks for moderation. Keep that in mind the next time your "Candy Crush" session hits the four-hour mark.

### Poor punt on gerrymandering *Los Angeles Times*

After raising expectations that it would finally deal with the harm caused by partisan gerrymandering, the Supreme Court on Monday essentially said: "Never mind." It was an exasperating abdication of responsibility by the court, which should have used the cases before it to strike a blow against the time-dishonored practice of drawing legislative lines to favor the party in power.

Along with many Americans, we had strongly hoped that the court would rule that the Constitution prohibits the unfair rigging of congressional and legislative electoral maps in an effort to entrench one party and weaken another. Such a ruling would have struck a long overdue blow for representative government and put an end to a system that dilutes votes, makes elections less competitive and allows candidates to win seats they would not have won otherwise. Political gerrymandering exacerbates political polarization and denies Americans their right to full participation in the political system.

It is a cynical and undemocratic — but not yet illegal — process that is engaged in by both parties and which is only likely to be solved by the courts.

Sadly, instead of taking on the issues squarely, the court disposed of two cases — one from Wisconsin and one from Maryland — on narrow procedural grounds. The anti-climactic outcome may be an example of principled judicial restraint, but it may also reflect continued agonizing by Justice Anthony Kennedy, whose vote is pivotal on this issue.

In the Wisconsin case, Democratic voters had challenged a legislative map that was obviously drawn by Republicans, to maximize their influence. But, writing for the court, Chief Justice John Roberts said the individual plaintiffs hadn't proved the sort of injury required to have standing to sue because they hadn't demonstrated that their votes in their individual districts had been diluted. In Maryland, it was Republican voters challenging a congressional district drawn by Democrats that led to the defeat of a longtime Republican incumbent. In an unsigned opinion, the court said that the plaintiffs waited too long to seek an injunction seeking to block an election using the 2011 district lines.

For reformers, the greatest consolation in Monday's rulings was a concurring opin-

ion in the Wisconsin case by Justice Elena Kagan, joined by Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Stephen Breyer and Sonia Sotomayor. Kagan provided a blueprint for how plaintiffs in that case and others might prevail in the future. Kagan noted that, while the court was right to insist that voters show an injury based on the composition of their individual districts, they could still make use of statewide evidence and seek a statewide remedy. She also noted that standing requirements might be different if gerrymandering were challenged as a violation of the right of association under the First Amendment, an idea that Kennedy has entertained.

Eventually, Kagan suggested, the time would come when courts would tell participants off for "stop degrading the nation's democracy." Monday should have been that day.

### Tariffs violate core GOP tenet *The Wall Street Journal*

Would Republicans in Congress stay mute if a president imposed income or sales taxes on U.S. industries on an arbitrary whim? We doubt it, so it's dispiriting to see Senate Republicans let Donald Trump impose tens of billions of dollars in border taxes without so much as a vote of protest.

That's the sad story as GOP senators last week blocked a vote on Bob Corker's amendment to reclaim at least some of the power to impose tariffs that Congress has ceded to presidents. Perhaps Trump took the silence as assent because he is escalating. On Monday he threatened tariffs on up to \$450 billion in Chinese goods, and financial markets are finally losing their foolish complacency. Shares in exporters vulnerable to retaliation like Boeing and Caterpillar fell more than 3.6 percent Tuesday.

Corker's bipartisan measure would have required Congress to approve trade restrictions that Trump is imposing under Section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962. This is the law that lets a president impose more or less whatever tariff he wants with an elastic definition of national security. Trump has used this open-ended authority to inflict his 25 percent tariff on steel and 10 percent on aluminum, and he's threatening a 25 percent tariff on imported cars under the same law. His new China tariffs are based on a different legal rationale (Section 301).

"I would bet 95 percent of the people on this side of the aisle support intellectually this amendment," Corker said on the floor with some acidity. "And a lot of them would vote for it if it came to a vote. But, no, no, no, 'Gosh, we might poke the bear,' is the language I've been hearing in the halls."

Corker is right that GOP leaders fear a Trump tweet in the middle of election season. Some are also griping in private that Corker has the luxury of bucking the president because he isn't running for re-election. But Corker's modest bill isn't the political threat to Republicans. The growing damage from Trump's trade war is.

By not allowing trade votes, Republicans are giving Trump free rein to impose tariffs that are doing substantial economic harm to many of their constituents. Farm state senators deserve a chance to vote against tariffs that are spurring retaliation against U.S. agricultural exports of everything from pork to apples. So do senators who represent U.S. manufacturers. The fear of a Trump tantrum is precluding an important fight about what the party of free enterprise supposedly believes.

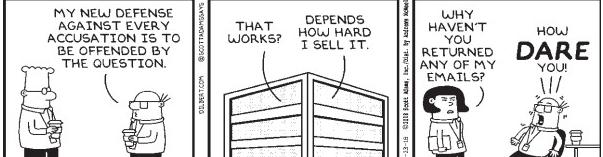
The economic fallout may also hurt the GOP's chances of holding the Senate in November. Democrats Heidi Heitkamp (North Dakota) and Claire McCaskill (Missouri) are running again against the tariffs as a way to oppose Trump and defend their states' agricultural interests. The longer Republicans shrug from standing up to Trump's protectionism, the more voters will conclude that Republicans in Congress are complicit in the damage.



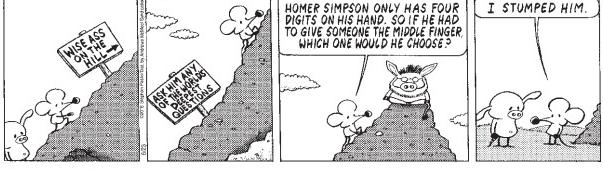
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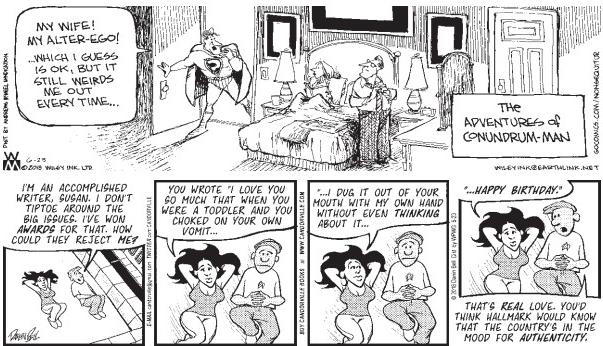
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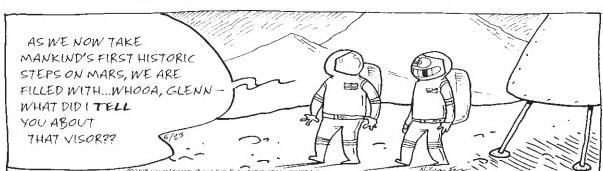
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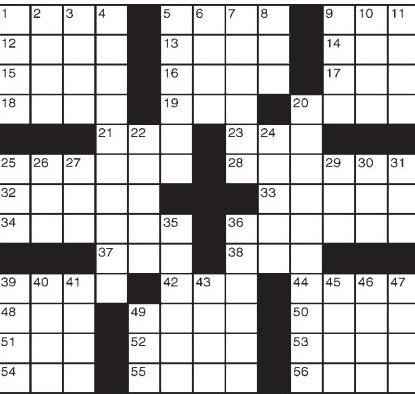
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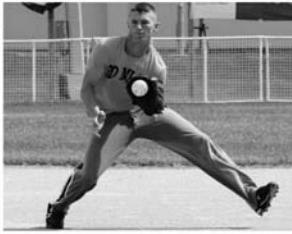


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**Tuesday, June 19**  
 Mississippi 10, Florida 2  
 Florida 6, Texas 1, Texas eliminated  
**Wednesday, June 20**  
 Arkansas 10, Texas 7  
 Oregon 11, North Carolina 6, North Carolina eliminated  
**Thursday, June 21**

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**Friday, June 22**

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Cleveland	40	32	.548	—	
Detroit	36	39	.480	5	
Minnesota	35	39	.471	6	
Chicago	24	49	.329	16	
Kansas City	23	52	.297	18½	

	West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	50	26	.658	—	
Seattle	46	28	.622	3	
Los Angeles	38	36	.514	11	
Oakland	32	44	.421	18	
Texas	32	44	.421	18	

## National League

	East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	43	30	.567	—	
Philadelphia	43	33	.542	3½	
Washington	39	33	.542	16	
New York	31	40	.437	11	
Miami	30	46	.387	15	

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Chicago	42	29	.592	—	
Milwaukee	35	39	.485	10	
St. Louis	38	34	.528	4½	
Pittsburgh	36	37	.493	7	
Cincinnati	30	45	.384	15	

	West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	40	33	.548	—	
Los Angeles	45	35	.565	2	
San Francisco	37	38	.493	4	
Colorado	36	38	.486	4½	
San Diego	30	45	.374	12	

## Wednesday's games

Cincinnati 5, Detroit 3 (10)  
Toronto 4, Boston 3

**The Mariners' Ichiro Suzuki takes batting practice before the team's game against the Houston Astros on June 6 in Houston.**

MICHAEL WYKE/AP



# One last hurrah?

## Mariners joke Ichiro should be in Home Run Derby

By SCOTT ORGERA  
Associated Press

**NEW YORK** — Now that he's no longer an active player, maybe Ichiro Suzuki wants to start swinging for the fences.

How about at next month's Home Run Derby during All-Star festivities in Washington?

What began as light-hearted banter among Seattle Mariners coaches grew into something that caused a stir in the clubhouse before Wednesday night's game against the New York Yankees.

"He's got power and he's been launching balls into the seats," Mariners manager Scott Servais said. "A couple of coaches said the other day, 'You know, no one wants to do this Home Run Derby. Why don't we just send Ichiro? He'd be awesome.'"

The idea gained momentum when Servais mentioned it on a radio show Wednesday, and suddenly a new Twitter hashtag was born — #IchiroForDC.

Not officially retired but unlikely to appear in another major league game, the Japanese-born Suzuki shifted to a new role with Seattle as special assistant to the chairman in May after batting .205 in 15 games this season. The 44-year-old travels with the team and is in uniform for games, helping out with batting practice and other drills while keeping a locker in the clubhouse.

Even though he's still in game shape, Suzuki didn't seem to be entertaining the idea of throwing



TED S. WARREN/AP

**Ichiro Suzuki, right, Seattle Mariners special assistant to the chairman, stands in the dugout as manager Scott Servais feels his arm muscles before a game against the Red Sox on June 15.**

his hat in the ring for the annual power contest.

"I'm not a player (anymore) and just the long, great history that MLB has, I don't think it would be good for it," Suzuki said through

a translator. "But I think it's fun and I'm happy that it's come up."

Servais was happy the concept was being discussed, even if it was nothing more than a joke.

"This is really good because

he's been giving me a hard time so I'm really glad to throw this back in his lap," he said with a grin.

Suzuki, the 2001 AL MVP and Rookie of the Year, found humor in the situation but promised revenge on Servais.

"It's the funniest thing he's said this first half of the year," Suzuki said. "I'm definitely going to get him back. I'm going to continue to get him."

Suzuki has 3,089 big league hits, but only 117 of those were home runs. Despite reaching double-digit homers in just three of his 18 major league seasons, Suzuki often displayed surprising power in batting practice and it was widely believed he could have clubbed a lot more over the fence if he tried.

But the 10-time All-Star maintained his unorthodox, slashing swing throughout his career, leading the league in hits seven times.

"Right now I'm eating two hamburgers at lunch, and now that this Home Run Derby thing came up I'll have to eat up to three cheeseburgers for lunch, get some more power," he quipped.

If Suzuki did try his hand against some of the game's top sluggers in the nation's capital, however, he knows who he'd want pitching to him.

"Mark Buehrle," he said, after a long, contemplative pause.

Suzuki was 27-for-66 (.409) against the left-hander, who won 214 games over 16 seasons.

## NHL



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**Sweden's Rasmus Dahlin, front, moves the puck around the United States' Adam Fox during the second period of a semifinal game at the world junior hockey championship on Jan. 4 in Buffalo, N.Y.**

# Sweden's Dahlin poised to be No. 1 draft choice

BY LARRY LAGE  
Associated Press

Rasmus Dahlin is drawing comparisons to a pair of the best defensemen in the game today and to one of the best of all time.

No pressure.

The smooth skating, play making Swedish defenseman is expected to become just the third defenseman in the past 20 years to be picked No. 1 in the NHL Draft.

"He is so far ahead of anyone else available," said Joe McDonnell, the Dallas Stars' director of amateur scouting. "We didn't pay much attention to him this year because if we picked No. 1, we probably wouldn't have jobs right now. And if we didn't have the No. 1 pick, we knew we wouldn't be able to draft him."

Buffalo is expected to take Dahlin first overall on Friday night and it will be no surprise to some of the best in hockey.

Hall of Famer Nicklas Lidstrom, a seven-time Norris Trophy winner, is one of the people who think Dahlin does compare to him, and some other current star defensemen who happen to be Swedes: Erik Karlsson and Victor Hedman.

"He has a lot of tools," Lidstrom, who has seen Dahlin play and has known of him for a few years, wrote in an email. "It will

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Since St. Louis selected defenseman Erik Johnson first overall in 2006, the only blue-liner taken No. 1 was Aaron Ekblad in 2014. Ekblad started strong in Florida, becoming an All-Star in his first two seasons and winning the Calder Trophy as the league's top rookie, but appeared to take a step back the last two years.

Johnson finished 12th in rookie of the year voting and has had a decent career with the Blues and Colorado Avalanche.

"This is one of those years where there's a generational-type defenseman available and that's not always the case," Hall of Fame coach Scotty Bowman said. "Everybody says this Dahlin is the best in a while on defense."

The 18-year-old Dahlin has held his own against grown men over two seasons in a high-level European league. He had seven goals and 13 assists in 41 games this past season with Frolunda of the Swedish Hockey League and was the junior player of the year. As the youngest player in the Olympic men's hockey tournament, he had an assist in two games while suiting up sparingly for Sweden.

"I think I'm ready right now to play in the NHL," Dahlin said.

Dahlin is set to become the second Swede taken No. 1 overall, joining Hall of Famer Mats Sundin, who was drafted by Quebec in 1989.

Still, Dahlin knows he has to improve his play when the other team has the puck and perhaps when he has to push players away from the crease. He is 6-2 but with 181 pounds.

AP Hockey Writer John Wawrow in Buffalo, New York, contributed to this report.

# New Jersey's Hall wins MVP award

BY GREG BEACHAM  
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Taylor Hall doesn't love public speaking, and the New Jersey Devils forward's nervousness grew while the NHL Awards show moved along.

But after Hall and the hockey world watched moving tributes to the Humboldt Broncos and the victims of two mass shootings, he was ready to accept the Hart Trophy with the proper perspective.

"It's not all about you," Hall said. "It's not all about winning awards. It's about enjoying life and doing what you love."

Hall was named the NHL's most valuable player Wednesday night, becoming the first New Jersey player to win the award after edging Colorado's Nathan MacKinnon in a close vote.

The hometown Vegas Golden Knights also went home with four trophies in recognition of their incredible expansion season from a celebratory and occasionally somber evening at the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino.

Hall, who finished sixth in the league with 93 points, beat out fellow first-time Hart finalists MacKinnon and Anze Kopitar of Los Angeles. Hall got 72 first-place votes and 1,264 total points in the voting, while MacKinnon got 60 first-place votes and 1,194 points.

Hall likely got the nod over two worthy contenders because of the way he carried the Devils offensively while they rebounded from a last-place finish in the Eastern Conference and reached the playoffs for the first time in five years. Hall put together a 26-game points streak during the season, and he finished with 41 more points than rookie Nico Hischier, New Jersey's second-leading scorer.

While Hall closed the show with the biggest trophy, the Golden Knights were big winners as well.



**The New Jersey Devils' Taylor Hall poses with the Hart Trophy after being named MVP at the NHL Awards on Wednesday in Las Vegas.**

## NHL awards winners

Winners of the 2017-18 NHL awards, presented Wednesday in Las Vegas:

**Hart Memorial Trophy, MVP** — Taylor Hall, New Jersey

**Vezina Trophy, goaltender** — Pekka Rinne, Nashville

**Calder Memorial Trophy, defensive rookie** — Calder Memorial Trophy, defensive rookie — Matt Benning, C, NY Islanders

**Frank J. Selke Trophy, defensive forward** — Frank J. Selke Trophy, defensive forward — Matt Benning, Los Angeles

**Lady Byng Memorial Trophy, most gentlemanly** — William Karlsson, F, Vegas

**Jack Adams Award, coach** — Gerard Gallant, Vegas

**George Michener Trophy, humanitarian contribution to hockey** (announced at the ceremony) — Henrik and Daniel Sedin, Vancouver

**Marek Messier NHL Leadership Award, great leadership qualities both on and off the ice** — Connor McDavid, Edmonton

**Willie O'Ree Community Hero Award, individual who has positively impacted the community** — Willie O'Ree, Boston

**Darcy Haugan, Broncos coach, Humblet Saskatchewan**

**Bill Masterton Memorial Trophy, game官能奖** — Bill Masterton, Minnesota Wild

**Award voted for NHL Player Association**

**Ted Lindsay Award, outstanding player chosen by the Lester P. Pearson Award** — Ted Lindsay, Detroit Red Wings

**Connor McDavid, Edmonton**

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**Maurice Richard Trophy, goal-scoring leader** — Connor McDavid, Edmonton

**Alex Ovechkin, F, Washington**

**William Karlsson, F, Vegas**

**James Neal, C, Vegas**

**James Neal, C, Vegas**

**Coach Gerard Gallant won the Jack Adams Award, and George**

**McPhee, Vegas**

**High-scoring Knights forward William Karlsson won the Lady**

**Byng Trophy for the player best combining sportsmanship and ability. Defenseman Deryk Engelland also won the Mark Messier NHL Leadership Award for his actions during his team's breakthrough season in the wake of the shooting massacre on the Las Vegas Strip shortly before their first game.**

## NHL



NICK WASS/AP

New York Islanders center John Tavares is the most coveted free agent on the market and could be on the move to a team that has plenty of money and space under the salary cap.

# Spending spree

## Salary-cap rise makes for 'more fun'

By STEPHEN WHYNO  
Associated Press

**T**hanks, Vegas. The Stanley Cup Final run of the expansion Golden Knights contributed to what is expected to be a healthy increase for the salary cap, giving NHL teams more freedom to make deals. With elite center John Tavares, top defenseman John Carlson and a strong group of free agents available soon, the ceiling for player spending will rise to between \$78 and \$82 million from \$75 million.

"The higher the better," said Brian MacLellan, whose Washington Capitals won the Stanley Cup. "It makes it a lot more fun."

Gentlemen, open your wallets — players like Tavares, Carlson and forwards James van Riemsdyk and Paul Stastny won't come cheap.

With GMs meeting Thursday in Dallas ahead of this weekend's draft, trade talk is percolating before free agency opens July 1. Ottawa has already traded wingman Mike Hoffman, and Buffalo center Ryan O'Reilly, Pittsburgh forward Phil Kessel, Montreal captain Max Pacioretty and Washington backup goaltender Philipp Grubauer could all be on the move.



KARL B DEBLAKER/AP

The Ottawa Senators could be looking to trade captain Erik Karlsson, who has one year remaining on his current contract.

Ottawa captain Erik Karlsson is the star who will go to the highest bidder if the Senators are willing to trade the Norris Trophy-winning defenseman one year remaining on his contract. GM Pierre Dorion seemed to be in a tough spot after it was revealed last week that Karlsson's wife had filed an order of protection against Hoffman's girlfriend, Monika Caryk, alleging harassment and bullying. He solved that issue by acquiring Mikkel Boedker from the San Jose Sharks for Hoffman in the first major trade of the offseason.

San Jose flipped Hoffman to Florida soon thereafter, freeing up salary-cap space to pursue Tavares or Russian standout Ilya Kovalchuk. The Panthers got a 20-goal scorer in Hoffman, who's just 28.

More immediate decisions await the Islanders and Capitals. New York could make a move to re-sign Tavares before he can begin speaking with other teams on Monday, and recently hired president of hockey operations Lou Lamoriello has to hire a new coach.

The Islanders might've gotten a fortunate bounce when Barry Trotz resigned from his job with Washington less than two weeks after lifting the Cup. Re-signing Tavares and hiring a replacement for fired coach Doug Weight go hand-in-hand.

If it doesn't work out and Tavares hits the open market, a contract with an annual salary approaching Connor McDavid's \$12.5 million isn't out of the question.

Nashville GM David Poile said cap situations put five or six teams in position for top-end free

agents — and knock about half the league out of the running.

"We all have different commitments already off contracts," Poile said. "Some teams have a lot of room. Some teams don't have very much room."

Big-revenue teams with money to spend include the rettooling New York Rangers and the rising Toronto Maple Leafs. The Rangers are among several teams linked to Kovalchuk, the 35-year-old winger who's looking to return to the NHL after five seasons in the Kontinental Hockey League.

Former Los Angeles Kings defenseman Slava Voynov, who won an Olympic gold medal with Kovalchuk, is back in the U.S. and could be on the way to returning. Voynov was convicted of domestic abuse and is suspended indefinitely by the NHL, which makes it unclear how a team will pave the way for him to play.

"Right now he's a suspended player, and until anything changes there, I don't think we're in a position to comment any further," Kings GM Rob Blake said. "A lot of this has to take place between him, his agent and the National Hockey League."

Dozens of current free agents don't know where they'll be playing next season. Beyond Tavares, Carlson is the most in-demand pending free agent after leading all defensemen in regular-season and playoff points.

Carlson plans to have his day with the Stanley Cup in Washington, but because of the uncertainty of the offseason, there's no guarantee he'll be there this fall.

"We'll see what happens," Carlson said. "I love it here and all that, I want to stay here, but there's more to it than that."



PABLO MARTINEZ MONSIVAIS/AP

Capitals defenseman John Carlson, left, checks Vegas Golden Knights forward James Neal during the second period of Game 4 of the Stanley Cup Final on June 4 in Washington. While Carlson would love to stay in Washington, he's also one of the most prized free-agent defensemen available.

## WORLD CUP

# Stars fizzling in Russia

Except for Ronaldo, top names are failing to live up to expectations

BY MAURICIO SAVARESE  
Associated Press

SARANSK, Russia — With nagging injuries, heavy marking from opponents and some simply uninspired play, the top stars of the 2018 World Cup have struggled to deliver on the impossible expectations they carried into the tournament, with one prominent Portuguese exception.

Aside from Cristiano Ronaldo, who has all four of Portugal's goals in its two games, many of the biggest names are off to a shaky start.

No one has had rougher treatment from the opposition than the world's priciest player, Neymar. During Brazil's opening 1-1 draw with Switzerland, the 26-year-old was fouled 10 times, the highest number on a single player in a single match since the 1998 World Cup, when England's Alan Shearer took 11 challenges against Tunisia.

Overall, Switzerland fouled Brazil 19 times, and it worked — especially on Neymar. Brazilians suggested their opponents were too violent; Swiss midfielder Gelson Fernandes thinks Neymar has another problem.

"He just falls too much," Fernandes said after the game in Rostov-on-Don. "Out of these 10, only seven or eight were fouls. We have to stop their star, and he is the star."

Neymar felt the effects of the Swiss strategy long after Sunday's match ended, limping out of training Tuesday as he continues to recover from a foot injury he picked up before the tournament. He trained Wednesday and was still confirmed as a starter for the match against Costa Rica on



EFRÉM LUKATSKY/AP

**Egypt's Mohamed Salah reacts after his team's loss to Russia on Tuesday ended any chance of the Pharaohs advancing to the second round of the World Cup.**

Friday.

On the heels of Ronaldo's hat trick against Spain, Lionel Messi took the field against Iceland with goats trotting around him on the digital signage on the edge of the grass, a version of an ad in which he cradles a live goat, the implication being that he is the GOAT. —the greatest of all time.

Messi set up a penalty with a deft chip into the box to Sergio Aguero, who was brought down. The greatest of all time then saw his spot kick saved by Iceland goalkeeper Hannes Halldorsson, and the game ended 1-1.

Throughout the match in Moscow, Iceland's disciplined defenders and midfielders stopped Messi from making his famous runs and getting one-on-one chances.

"Messi is human," Aguero said afterward. "Sometimes things happen for a reason. We need to

be with him. This was a bad day, but he can decide a match at any given moment."

Egypt striker Mohamed Salah set a Premier League scoring record for Liverpool and held all the hopes for a deep run by the Pharaohs in their return to the World Cup, until he injured his shoulder playing for Liverpool in the Champions League final in a clash with Real Madrid's Sergio Ramos, of Spain.

Salah sat out the opening 1-0 loss to Uruguay in Yekaterinburg, with coach Hector Cuper hoping to have him fit for Egypt's second match, against Russia.

He made his World Cup debut in St. Petersburg and scored from the penalty spot, but only after the hosts led by three goals, and his mobility was clearly affected. He barely touched the ball in the first half and avoided physical contact with Russian defenders during the entire game, and Egypt was eliminated with one match left to play.

Ronaldo isn't entirely alone in starting strong. Diego Costa has three of Spain's four goals. Harry Kane has both of England's, and Luka Modric scored one goal and set up the other in Croatia's 2-0 win over Nigeria.

And there's plenty of time for others to turn things around. Kylian Mbappe, the 19-year-old striker at the center of the second-most expensive transfer in history, managed just one chance in France's 2-1 win over Australia in Kazan but scored Thursday against Peru.

It's early, and the tournament has seen plenty of stellar play from lesser-known players, but many of the star scorers have work to do.



ALASTAIR GRANT/AP

**England's Ruben Loftus-Cheek takes part in a training session, near St. Petersburg, Russia on Thursday.**

## Loftus-Cheek ready to boost England

BY STEVE DOUGLAS  
Associated Press

cality and the way he can play in the midfield is rare for such a big lad. He's a top-quality player."

Loftus-Cheek has long been spoken of as a future star of English soccer, but he has never quite established himself at Chelsea, which — despite having a consistently successful youth team — has a recent history of buying top talent from home and abroad in its quest for trophies under Russian owner Roman Abramovich.

"Ever since I was in the Chelsea academy, I've had that awareness that people were saying I would be the first one to break through since John Terry," Loftus-Cheek said. "I believed I could but the opportunities didn't quite come for me."

It was only last season, when he went on loan at Premier League rival Crystal Palace, that the country really got to see his talents on a weekly basis. Palace manager Roy Hodgson raved about him, saying: "He just doesn't have any weaknesses."

Southgate, a former coach of England's under-21 team, has followed the midfielder's progression through the country's youth teams from the age of 15. He appreciates Loftus-Cheek's technique, his natural ability, that fearless edge to him.

But many other England coaches haven't felt that way about the so-called luxury players. Why else would Le Tissier, the scorer of some of the Premier League's greatest ever goals at Southampton, wish his career with only eight England appearances? Or Hoddle end up with just 53? As for other richly talented former England players, John Barnes was barracked by some fans and Paul Scholes wasn't cherished like he should have been.

Loftus-Cheek came on as an 80th-minute substitute against Tunisia and looked immediately at home on the big stage. He drove forward, made some neat touches and played with his head up. There is still some debate about where his best position is.

But what isn't in doubt is his presence and assuredness.



FELIPE DANA/AP

**Switzerland's Granit Xhaka, left, helps up Brazil's Neymar during their group E match on Sunday. Neymar was fouled 10 times in the 1-1 game.**

## WORLD CUP

## Player union blasts concussion management

By ROB HARRIS  
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*Associated Press*

MOSCOW — The impact to his head was so violent that Nouredine Amrabat can't remember the World Cup match at all, even though he was playing in it.

"Five, six hours, gone. Totally gone," the Morocco midfielder said of the concussion sustained in his team's opening match against Iran.

"When you think about it, it is a little bit scary."

Five days after a clash of heads sent him to hospital for a brain scan and 24 hours of medical supervision, the 31-year-old was back in the Moroccan lineup Wednesday and played the entire match in a 1-0 loss to Portugal, in defiance of FIFA guidelines and his team doctor.

The players' union, FIFPro, was highly critical of what it called "yet another alarming example of a player being put in harm's way."

Despite having expressed shock about Morocco's initial pitch-side treatment of Amrabat's concussion last Friday, tournament organizer FIFA absolved itself of any responsibility in the team decision to field him again so quickly. Amrabat wore a padded skull cap for a quarter-hour but took it off because he was too hot.

After the initial concussion diagnosis, Morocco team doctor Abderrazak Hefti had said Amrabat wouldn't even train for a week.

But the player said that he overruled the physician.

A week without playing "is the



ANDREW MEDICHINI/AP

**Morocco's Nouredine Amrabat is attended to after suffering an injury during last Friday's match against Iran. Amrabat had a brain scan but was in the lineup for the next game on Wednesday.**

official time to recover, official time for your safety. I decided to make it shorter," Amrabat said after the loss, which eliminated Morocco from contention. "I feel good. It's the most important. I am my own doctor. And hopefully nothing bad for the long term."

This wasn't the first time that concussion management in football has come under the spot-

light at the World Cup. Jolted by criticism of concussion cases at the 2014 tournament, FIFA introduced guidelines intended to provide players with better protection and give team doctors more authority.

Moroccan team officials appeared to ignore the guidelines after Amrabat collided with Iran midfielder Vahid Amiri on Fri-

day. Television images showed the apparently dazed Amrabat being sprayed with water and slapped on the face, seemingly to wake him from his stupor.

"There was a very clear concussion and we have instructed them very clearly and we spoke about the importance of proper treatment, which is why I was surprised at seeing the behavior on the touchline," FIFA medical chief Michel D'Hooghe said Wednesday.

"We wrote to them after that to say it appeared the guidelines were not correctly followed," he said. "I will now ask for an explanation from the Moroccan team doctor about what has happened so that he played again."

He added: "FIFA has no authority over this. We produce the guidelines but it is the team doctors who make the decisions."

FIFPro said Amrabat shouldn't have played again so soon.

"Four years on from the debacle of the last World Cup, where several players did not receive adequate care, football has not made sufficient progress in concussion management," FIFPro said. "Repeated calls to implement world-class standards have been overlooked."

The new case comes amid rising concern in soccer about the risks of concussion and the potential degenerative damage to players' brains from repeatedly heading balls. Britain's associations are funding a study to try to determine whether players are more prone to developing dementia.

Other sports have more rigorous concussion protocols.

NFL players with concussion symptoms during a game are

examined both by the team doctor and an independent neuro-trauma expert approved by the league. The team doctor decides whether a player suffered a concussion, with consultation from the independent expert. Players diagnosed with concussions start a five-step protocol that includes additional testing as the player progresses from light exercise to football contact. There is no time limit, but it generally takes five days or more. The NFL diagnosed 213 concussions during the 2017 season.

Amrabat said his brain scan showed no damage. But he said he cannot remember anything from the Iran game, "from the first minute 'til I wake up in the hospital."

To broadcaster NOS, he added: "On the bench I asked the same thing 10 times. After the match in the changing room I asked where I sat and I asked my brother six times if he'd gone on as a substitute."

"I have a bit of pain here if I press it," he said running his finger along the area just left of his left eye, "but in the end you want to play in a match like this. I had a helmet sent over from the Netherlands. But in the end, I felt more tired than normal, quite quickly, heavy legs. But generally it went reasonably well."

Hervé Renard, the team's French coach, praised Amrabat as "a warrior."

"It's because his spirit is amazing and I was lucky to have a player like this."

*Associated Press writers Mike Corder in Kaiserslautern and Amits El Masaiti in Rabat, Morocco, contributed to this report.*

## Raised in Madrid, Russia's Cheryshev becomes a star

By JAMES ELLINGWORTH  
*Associated Press*

ST. PETERSBURG, Russia — Denis Cheryshev had been the odd man out in Russia's team. Now he's the breakout star, one goal behind Cristiano Ronaldo as the World Cup's top scorer.

Raised in Spain at the Real Madrid academy, he has used his slick technique and tactical awareness to score three goals as Russia won its first two games at its home World Cup.

Not bad for a man who, before the tournament, had played only 33 minutes under Russia's current coach and hadn't started an international game since 2015.

"Thank God that I could score three goals in three games, but my aim is just to help the team," said Cheryshev, who plays as a winger for Villarreal. "If other players score, I'll be happy for them, too."

Cheryshev is one of only two players in Russia's squad who play for foreign clubs — the other is third-choice goalkeeper Vladimir Gabulov — and for a long time, it seemed like national-team coaches overlooked him. He grew up outside the Russian system at Real Madrid, where his father was a youth coach.

A string of injuries and a perception that,

as a stylish winger, he didn't fit Russia's typically rugged, defensive style combined to keep him out of the national team under successive coaches.

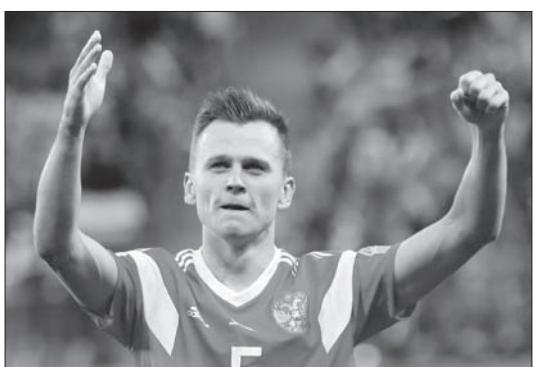
When he finally made Russia's World Cup squad, he wasn't expected to start the first game, and didn't.

What changed was midfielder Alan Dzagoev's hamstring injury 24 minutes into the opening game against Saudi Arabia on Thursday, with the score at 1-0. Cheryshev came on and 19 minutes later, he scored, making his way past two Saudi defenders. His second was an elegant curling shot in stoppage time.

"I could never have dreamed of anything like this," he said after Thursday's game.

On Tuesday, he finished off a smart team move through the Egyptian defense — exactly the kind of soccer Russia didn't play even two weeks ago, when it drew 1-1 with a weakened Turkey team for its seventh winless friendly in a row.

Russia's rise has come with a new readiness from coach Stanislav Cherschesov to abandon his old tactical certainties and player preferences. Gone is the five-man back line he clung to for two years, replaced by a four-man system with defensive midfielder Yuri Gazinsky protecting



Denis Cheryshev celebrates after scoring Russia's second goal during the Group A win over Egypt in St. Petersburg, Russia, on Tuesday. Cheryshev has three goals.

the center backs.

The first-choice striker against Egypt was Artiom Dzyuba, who pre-tournament had played only once for Russia since 2016 and spent much of the season frozen out at Zenit St. Petersburg after a reported dispute with management.

An old-fashioned striker who can win

headers and hold up the ball, Dzyuba doesn't have Cheryshev's finesse but they have combined well together. Now with two World Cup goals, he echoed Russia's newfound confidence.

"We've done something historic but the tournament isn't over," he said. "Now we want more."

## WORLD CUP

# Jesus or Firmino?

## Brazil's dilemma at striker adds to Neymar concerns

Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Russia — The liveliest selection debate swirling around Brazil's national team heading into the World Cup has become more intense one game into the tournament.

Should it be Gabriel Jesus or Roberto Firmino in the lone-striker role?

A favorite of Tite's since the coach took charge in June 2016, the 21-year-old Jesus started Brazil's opening group game — a 1-1 draw against Switzerland — but struggled to impose himself.

He made way in the second half, as usual, for Firmino, who made more of an impression in the 11 minutes he had on the field in Rostov and nearly scored a late winner from a header.

While Jesus is coming off a mixed first full season at Manchester City, the 26-year-old Firmino enjoyed the best year of his career for Liverpool and was one of the team's key figures in its run to the Champions League final.

Now that he has added goals to his consummate all-round game — he scored 27 in all competitions for Liverpool this season — the hard-working Firmino could yet be the better option for a game Brazil needs to win.

There are clear differences between the strikers: Jesus is quicker and plays on the shoulder of the last man, while Firmino drops deeper and links up play better. Against a Costa Rica team that is likely to sit back and attempt to soak up pressure, there might be less space for Jesus to get in behind the defense.

Indeed, there is even more focus on Brazil's forward line ahead of Friday's game in St. Petersburg given the concerns over the fitness of Neymar, who limped out of a training session because of pain in his right ankle — apparently sparked by persistent fouling from Switzerland's players in the team's opening match in Rostov. The forward has recently returned after three months out with a foot injury.

Costa Rica opened Group E with a 1-0 loss to Serbia, conceding the goal from a direct free kick.

Brazil is making sure everyone knows Neymar is perfectly fit at

the World Cup.

A day after he limped out of training and raised further doubts about his physical condition in Russia, the Brazilian soccer federation was quick to tell the world the team's biggest star was just fine.

Brazil had a closed practice session Wednesday, two days before its game against Costa Rica in St. Petersburg, but the federation posted photos and a video of Neymar in action in training with the rest of the squad.

"Brazil practicing and Neymar participating normally in the team's activity," the federation said in a Twitter post.

One of the photos showed the playmaker touching the ball with his injured right ankle.

"Neymar practiced the whole

time," the federation later said on its website. "He showed confidence and participated actively during the whole session."

The federation later released a video with Neymar:

"I trained well, felt comfortable," Neymar said. "The foot is fine."

Brazilian media had already been speculating that Brazil could be hiding Neymar's real condition after he couldn't finish practice on Tuesday. He was visibly in pain as he walked from the field accompanied by the team's doctor.

If Neymar is ruled out, pacy winger Douglas Costa would be a possible replacement. Firmino could also play out wide, in a move that would keep Jesus in a central position.



ANDRE PENNER/AP

**Brazil's Gabriel Jesus, left, and Roberto Firmino practice during a training session on Tuesday. Brazil will face Costa Rica on Friday and there still is debate as to which player should start at striker.**

## Live on AFN

**Group E**

**Brazil vs. Costa Rica**  
AFN-Sports  
2 p.m. Friday CET  
9 p.m. Friday JKT

**Group D**

**Nigeria vs. Iceland**  
AFN-Sports  
5 p.m. Friday CET  
Midnight Friday JKT

**Group E**

**Serbia vs. Switzerland**  
AFN-Sports  
8 p.m. Friday CET  
3 a.m. Saturday JKT

**Group G**

**Belgium vs. Tunisia**  
AFN-Sports  
2 p.m. Saturday CET  
9 p.m. Saturday JKT

**Group F**

**South Korea vs. Mexico**  
AFN-Sports  
5 p.m. Saturday CET  
Midnight Saturday JKT

**Group F**

**Germany vs. Sweden**  
AFN-Sports  
8 p.m. Saturday CET  
3 a.m. Sunday JKT



MATTHIAS SCHRADER/AP

**Iceland's Aron Gunnarsson acknowledges the spectators after a draw during the Group D match against Argentina on Saturday. Iceland tied Argentina in its first World Cup match ever.**

## Nigeria, Iceland enter matchup from different directions

By PAN PYLAS  
Associated Press

is possible for the qualification."

Rohr has conceded that his young charges made mistakes against Croatia, notably on corner kicks, and that is something they will have to address before the Iceland match.

"These young players need a little time. They learn," said. "Sometimes it's a little bit naive on the set pieces, but we will work on it."

He also hinted that the speedy Ahmed Musa may play from the start to bolster the attack and stretch the play across the field.

Rohr also could move to a three-man defensive line after having opted for four against Croatia's three-man attacking lineup. But Rohr said Jon Obi Mikel, Nigeria's experienced captain, will likely continue to play in an offensive midfield position. For much of his career, particularly when at Chelsea, the 31-year-old has filled a more defensive role.

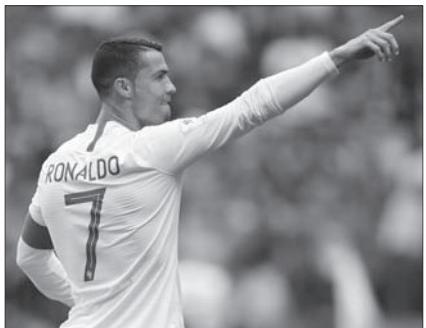
"Since I'm in Nigeria, two years now, we played all the time with him in this role of offensive midfielder, and it was going very well," Rohr said. "The team was built behind him."

While Rohr mulls changing his formation, Iceland has shown that it is flexible, too, often going to a five-man midfield and a lone striker, a formation that allows the team to counterattack more swiftly.

"We are more unpredictable now, and hopefully we'll show that in the competition," said Alfred Finnbogason, who scored Iceland's goal against Argentina. Coming on top of Iceland's shocking 2-1 victory over England in the round of 16 at the 2016 European Championship, Finnbogason is unquestionably right when he talks about the country experiencing its "best moments" in soccer.

But like everyone at the World Cup, it's about focusing on the here and now.

## WORLD CUP



FRANCISCO SECO/AP

Portugal's Cristiano Ronaldo celebrates after scoring Wednesday against Morocco in Moscow.

## Better: Ronaldo continues to evolve in pursuit of Cup

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They've split the last 10 FIFA Player of the Year awards. Ronaldo has won four Champions League titles with Real Madrid in the past decade, Messi three with Barcelona.

Ronaldo covets attention. After the first of his three goals against Spain in Portugal's opener last week, Ronaldo stroked his chin as he ran in celebration. Adidas is running an advertisement featuring Messi with a real goat.

No question Ronaldo works hard to be the best, whether it's effort in training, nutrition to keep his body resembling Michelangelo's "David" or ensuring proper rest.

"He does everything he needs to be better every day," Portugal defender Cedric said.

Ronaldo's 85th goal moved him one ahead of Ferenc Puskas into sole possession of second on the career international scoring list, trailing only Ali Daei's 109 goals for Iran. He broke free of defender Manuel Da Costa and leaned low for a header from the top of the 6-yard box.

His celebration was a ballet that would have made George Balanchine proud. Ronaldo ran toward a corner flag, and pounded the number 7 on his jersey twice near the team crest. He jumped and twirled his right hand three times before landing with arms spread like a seagull's wings, mouth open.

"It was beautiful for me," Ronaldo said after FIFA presented him with his second straight man of the match award.

He already has surpassed Pele and Diego Maradona in one measure. Ronaldo has an airport named after him — Aeroporto da Madeira, on the island near his birthplace in Funchal. There may be debate over the GOAT, but Ronaldo definitely is FNC — the airport's three-letter code.

He's so notorious that when an odd-looking statue of Ronaldo by sculptor Emanuel Santos was unveiled at the airport's renam-

## Did you know



Cristiano Ronaldo became Europe's all-time leading international scorer with 85 goals, overtaking Hungarian great Ferenc Puskas — a star at Real Madrid, just like Ronaldo.

SOURCE: Associated Press

ing ceremony last year, it earned a lampooning by Kate McKinnon on NBC's "Saturday Night Live."

Later in the year, he dyed his hair gold before accepting the Ballon d'Or — golden ball. He hasn't been available to discuss his scoring, or even his chin stroking and new fuzz. After the match, he walked past reporters without stopping while holding a mobile phone to an ear. Ronaldo later said during a television interview he didn't shave his chin before last week's game against Spain and promised teammate Ricardo Quaresma that if he scored he would keep the goatee throughout the tournament.

Long known for dousing his hair with gel, Ronaldo hopes to be part of a team that jells into a world champion. He helped the Portuguese reach the semifinals in his first World Cup in 2006 and led Portugal to its first major title at the European Championship two years ago in France.

If Portugal wins its group and Argentina is second — or if Portugal is second and Argentina first — Ronaldo and Messi could even face each other in the final.

Could Ronaldo stay at a high level long enough to play in a fifth World Cup in 2022?

"His physical capacity, his technical prowess, his strategy, he's always evolving," Santos said, "contrarily to the regular players."

# Outspoken Spain players make headlines in Russia

BY TALES AZZONI  
Associated Press

**SOCHI, Russia** — Win or lose, Spain's outspoken central defenders aren't wary of controversy. Not even at the World Cup.

Two matches into the tournament, Sergio Ramos and Gerard Pique have already attracted headlines for their unguarded comments in Russia.

Ramos had a spat with Diego Maradona and with Iran coach Carlos Queiroz. Pique was at odds with Barcelona, his club back in Spain.

Ramos didn't hold back after finding out that the former Argentina great criticized him in a television interview.

"I respect Maradona. He was a great player," Ramos said after the team's 1-0 win over Iran on Wednesday. "But I also believe that in Argentine football everybody knows that Maradona is light years behind the country's best player, who for me is (Lionel) Messi."

Maradona had said he doesn't see Ramos as a top player and instead prefers defenders like Uruguay's Diego Godin, Ramos' rival with Atletico Madrid in the Spanish league.

Ramos also answered criticism by Queiroz, who brought up Ramos' clash with Egypt forward Mohammed Salah in the Champions League final after being told that Spain right back Dani Carvajal complained of Iran's tactics.

The coach said Carvajal should

look at what his teammate did to Salah before criticizing other teams.

"I'm not going to give importance to what he said," said Ramos, who was involved in a challenge with Salah that forced the Liverpool player to leave the Champions League final with a shoulder injury that nearly kept him from making it to Russia.

Ramos and Queiroz had already exchanged a few words near the sidelines after Queiroz appeared to criticize Ramos for a hard foul on one of his players.

Pique, whose partnership with Ramos in defense has been key to Spain over the years, didn't side-step his ordeal with Barcelona back home.

The club publicly said it wasn't happy with Pique after finding out his company produced the television documentary in which France forward Antoine Griezmann announced he would remain with Atletico Madrid instead of joining Barcelona after the World Cup.

Barcelona official Jordi Mestre said a day before Spain's match against Iran that president Josep Bartomeu would talk to Pique to let him know that the club and its fans were surprised and unhappy about his involvement with Griezmann's high-profile announcement.

"If they want to talk to me, they have my phone number and they know where the dressing room is," Pique said. "They know how to find me. I'll be happy to talk to them if they want to."

Pique said he doesn't feel he



MANU FERNANDEZ/AP

Spain's Gerard Pique, front, shields the ball from Iran's Karim Ansarifard on Wednesday.

owes an apology to Barcelona because of the video, which he promoted to his nearly 19 million followers on Twitter on the day it was going to be broadcast in Spain.

After the national team's 3-3 draw against Portugal in the World Cup opener, Pique had already made headlines by complaining about Cristiano Ronaldo and saying the Real Madrid forward was prone to diving.

Spain and Portugal are tied at the top of Group B with four points each, one more than Iran. Spain faces Morocco, which is already eliminated, in its final group game Monday in Kaliningrad.

## Mexico pleads with fans to behave

BY DEREK GATOPoulos  
Associated Press

**ROSTOV-ON-DON, Russia** — Mexico's biggest worry at the World Cup may be its fans instead of its next opponent, struggling South Korea.

The Mexican football federation was fined 10,000 Swiss francs (\$10,000) and warned of further sanctions over a chant by supporters considered to be homophobic during the opening game against Germany. Fans in Mexico use the chant to insult opposing goalkeepers as they take a goal kick. Widely considered a slur, some argue there is no discriminatory intent.

As traveling Mexican fans prepare to descend on this southern Russian city, players and the federation are imploring them not to repeat it at Saturday's match, in messages on television and social media. The Group F game will be attended by South Korean President Moon Jae-in.

The Mexicans have reached the last 16 in their six previous World Cups, and are on course to make it seven after beating Germany 1-0. Javier Hernandez tore past



ALEXANDER ZEMlianichenko/AP

Mexico has asked its fans in Russia to behave after their homophobic chant against Germany earned the team a \$10,000 fine.

defenders and found Hirving Lozano for a stylish goal in the 35th minute.

Coach Juan Carlos Osorio is a fan of reshuffling his lineup — a tactic inspired by former Manchester United manager Alex Ferguson — but is likely to stick to many of his opening game starters, relying on his back four to stop the pacey Koreans.

Celebrations in Mexico City of the goal against Germany were so rowdy that seismologists checked reports of an artificial earthquake. It was eventually ruled out.

But Mexico midfielder Marco Fabian was one of several players who warned against complacency.

"We reached our first target and have beaten Germany, but we can't sit back," Fabian said. "Some consider us to be group favorites now, and that's a compliment — but it's one we shouldn't believe. There are no favorites in this World Cup."

The Koreans, stung by their 1-0 defeat by Sweden, could reconsider their attacking 4-3-3 formation that provided little threat and handed space to their opponents.

Midfielder Koo Ja-cheol, who plays at Bundesliga club Augsburg, said players were studying Mexico on their tablets and had identified Hernandez as the major threat.

"Of course we are not ready to give up. Everyone put in so much effort to get here," Koo said. "What we want is to turn fans' disappointment into joy."

## WORLD CUP

# Germany talks through issues

## Defending champs scrutinized after first loss

**By TIM BOOTH**  
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SOCHI, Russia — Thomas Mueller heard all the speculation about potential problems within defending champion Germany after its uninspired loss to Mexico to open the World Cup.

Asked Wednesday if there were factions building within the squad, Mueller admitted there were, but the German striker added context, revealing cliques have developed, particularly at midweek.

"There is a Bayern (Munich) group. A solid Bayern group," Mueller said. "And there are several tables where we eat. There is no such thing as one major table with 23 sitting around. Of course the tables of five or six or seven who regularly sit together for lunch and dinner. It's a natural thing."

"I sometimes change tables because I'm a variable kind of guy, a multipurpose eater."

All kidding aside, the poking and prodding about the state of

German soccer shows how seriously the opening flop against Mexico has been received.

Germany didn't just lose. The 2014 champions were completely outplayed, and the 1-0 final score masked how many chances Mexico had to make it far more one-sided.

Germany is facing criticism unlike any scrutiny it has seen in recent years. The squad won the title in 2014, reached the semis of the 2016 Euros and won the Confederations Cup a year ago with a team comprised almost entirely of younger players. But the loss to Mexico amplified concerns that had been building since Germany's lackluster results in pre-tournament friendlies.

German goalkeeper Manuel Neuer revealed there have been blunt conversations within the team: "We're angry with ourselves."

Oliver Bierhoff, general manager of the national team, echoed Neuer on Wednesday.

"It was absolutely key for us not to just go on with a ready-made



ANDRE PENNER/AP

**Germany's Thomas Mueller, center, exercises with teammates during a training session in Sochi, Russia, on Wednesday. Germany will face Sweden on Saturday in a Group F game.**

agenda and move on to the next item, but that we go deeper and more thorough with the analysis of what is going on," Bierhoff said. "The same thing happens when coaches talk to individual players in a one-on-one basis, but I think there was a real need that everybody realized there was a need to discuss the symptoms that were visible on the pitch.

"Not just talk to one player, but include the whole squad. It wasn't really as explosive as some people make it out to be, but it was an open and honest exchange of views."

Bierhoff tried to downplay the

fever of the internal conversations, but the fact the defending champions needed deep discussions after just one match is alarming. Germany never faced similar concerns four years ago when the squad used two wins and a draw to win its group, then outlasted Algeria and France, routed Brazil, and finally won the title against Argentina.

"I think we took things a bit too lightly after the warmup games," Mueller said. "We make no bones about it. We're self-critical. We need to go back to being prepared to walk the extra mile. That's it."

Now there's no avoiding what lies ahead for Germany.

The squad must get a result on Saturday against Sweden to have a chance of advancing. Even a draw is potentially risky for Germany depending on what happens in the other match between Mexico and South Korea.

"There is absolutely no question about us needing two wins," Bierhoff said. "That being said, we mustn't run into an open knife here because goal difference also plays a roll. But let us make step number one before we make step number two."

# Colombia plans lineup changes after loss to Japan

**By JUAN ZAMORANO**  
Associated Press

KAZAN, Russia — Changes are coming to Colombia's team at the World Cup after a disappointing 2-1 loss to Japan.

The South Americans thrashed the same opponent 4-1 in the group stage in the 2014 edition in Brazil, so Tuesday's defeat was even more upsetting for Colombia.

Coach Jose Pekerman now is working on rearranging his team for Sunday's clash with Poland, which also suffered a setback by losing to Senegal in its first match. Pekerman is being forced to shuffle his defensive midfielders, since Carlos Sanchez picked up an early red card and is banned for the second match. The Argentine has a natural replacement in Wilmar Barrios, who plays for Boca Juniors.

Pekerman chose to substitute winger Juan Cuadrado with Barrios later in the first half after Japan converted the penalty. It was a risky decision that restrained Colombia's attacking play down the wings and isolated forward Radamel Falcao.

In central midfield, Pekerman hopes that playmaker James Rodriguez, who came on as a second-half substitute, will be fit enough to start against Poland in Group H. The Bayern Munich player,



NATALIA PISARENKO/AP

**Colombia's Radamel Falcao lays on the field during a Group H loss to Japan on Tuesday in Saransk, Russia. Coach Jose Pekerman is rearranging the team after the disappointing 2-1 loss.**

who was the top scorer at the 2014 tournament, has been suffering from a left calf injury in recent days. Rodriguez trained among the reserve players Wednesday.

Nevertheless, the need for the most change is on defense, which was porous at times and seemed insecure against Japan. Cristian Zapata, who played for Co-

lombia in 2014 and could provide some more experience to a back line, with the exception of Santiago Arias, which has mostly new faces. The coach may also decide to go for the size and strength of Yerry Mina against Poland.

Colombia could also look to strengthen its front line after lone striker Falcao wasn't provided

with good service in his World Cup debut after missing the 2014 tournament with injury. Pekerman might turn to forward Luis Muriel to support Falcao or use some other attacking system.

Several players have taken to social media to try to reassure Colombia fans that two group matches remain. The team's objective has been to repeat or improve on its surprising run four years ago when it reached the quarterfinals, Colombia's best-ever performance at a World Cup.

Falcao wrote on Instagram that this is the moment for "turning adversity into opportunity."

Separately, Colombia's national team called on the country's fans to behave themselves, after a video was posted showing a supporter encouraging a female Japanese fan to repeat offensive phrases in Spanish.

"Comatriots, coming to Russia to support our team is a gesture that we extremely appreciate," the team said on its official Twitter page, signed by federation president Ramon Jesurun. "But if you made this effort, do it respecting women, the opposition and the host country's laws."

Colombia's Foreign Ministry also tweeted that such behavior doesn't reflect Colombian culture.

# WORLD CUP

## Mbappe's goal sends France to 2nd round

BY KYLE HIGHTOWER  
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YEKATERINBURG, Russia — Kylian Mbappe's first World Cup goal put France into the round of 16.

The teenage forward tapped in a ball headed toward goal in the 34th minute to give France a 1-0 victory over Peru on Thursday.

At 19 years and 183 days, Mbappe became the youngest scorer in France's World Cup history.

With two wins from two matches in Group C, France is through to the next round.

France coach Didier Deschamps made a pair of tactical adjustments after an underwhelming performance in the team's opening win over Australia. He put Blaise Matuidi and Olivier Giroud in the starting lineup but kept his same 4-3-2-1 formation with Giroud out front.

Both used their speed and passing to expose gaps in Peru's backline.

Paolo Guerrero started for

Peru after coming off the bench in the opening loss to Denmark. He came out with energy, but he cooled down after receiving a yellow card in the 23rd minute.

Guerrero nearly missed the World Cup before having his doping ban lifted by a Swiss judge prior to the tournament. France goalkeeper Hugo Lloris was one of three opposing captains, along with Australia's Mile Jedinak and Denmark's Simon Kjaer, who signed a letter to FIFA supporting the lifting of the ban.

Guerrero had one of Peru's best chances in the 87th minute from a free kick, but his attempt went right at Lloris.

After getting very little out of the three-prong attack of Mbappe, Antoine Griezmann and Ousmane Dembele in their opening win, the French trio was active in Yekaterinburg.

Griezmann had a pair of opportunities stopped within the first 15 minutes, with Mbappe and Dembele consistently getting past Peru's defense to set up scoring chances.



GREGORIO BORGIA/AP

Australia's Mile Jedinak, left, celebrates scoring his side's goal during the Group C match against Denmark in Samara, Russia, on Thursday, the tie left both teams in contention for the round of 16.

## Scoreboard

### GROUP A

	W	T	L	GF	GA	GPA
x-Russia	2	0	0	8	1	6
x-Uruguay	2	0	0	2	4	6
Egypt	0	0	2	2	4	0
Saudi Arabia	0	0	2	0	2	0
x-advanced to round of 16						
Thursday, June 14						
Russia 5, Saudi Arabia 0						
Friday, June 15						
Uruguay 2, Egypt 1						
Tuesday, June 19						
Russia 3, Saudi Arabia 1						
Wednesday, June 20						
At Rostov-on-Don, Russia						
Uruguay 0, Saudi Arabia 0						
Mondays, June 25						
At Samara, Russia						
Uruguay 1, Saudi Arabia 0						
At Volgograd, Russia						
Saudi Arabia vs. Egypt						
Group B						
	W	T	L	GF	GA	GPA
Portugal 1, Morocco 0	1	0	0	3	1	6
Spain 1, Iran 0	1	0	0	1	1	3
Iran 0, Morocco 0	0	1	0	1	3	3
Morocco 0, Spain 0	0	2	0	2	0	0
Friday, June 15						
Iran 1, Morocco 0						
Portugal 1, Iran 0						
Wednesday, June 20						
At Moscow, Russia						
Portugal 1, Iran 0						
At Kazan, Russia						
Spain 1, Iran 0						
Wednesday, June 25						
At Kaliningrad, Russia						
Spain vs. Morocco						
At Kazan, Russia						
Iran vs. Portugal						
Group C						
	W	T	L	GF	GA	GPA
x-France 2, Argentina 0	2	0	0	2	0	0
Portugal 1, Denmark 1	1	0	1	1	1	1
Wednesday, June 20						
At Samara, Russia						
Portugal 1, Denmark 1						
At Kazan, Russia						
Spain 1, Iran 0						
Wednesday, June 25						
At Kazan, Russia						
Spain vs. Morocco						
At Kazan, Russia						
Iran vs. Portugal						
Group D						
	W	T	L	GF	GA	GPA
Croatia 1, Iceland 0	1	0	1	2	0	3
Croatia 2, Nigeria 1	2	0	1	5	2	2
Wednesday, June 21						
At Nizhny Novgorod, Russia						
Argentina 1, Croatia 1						
Wednesday, June 21						
At Nizhny Novgorod, Russia						
Argentina 2, Croatia 1						
Nigeria vs. Croatia						
Wednesday, June 22						
At Volgograd, Russia						
Nigeria vs. Iceland						
Wednesday, June 26						
At St. Petersburg, Russia						
Nigeria vs. Argentina						
At St. Petersburg, Russia						
Iceland vs. Croatia						
Saturday, June 23						
At Samara, Russia						

### GROUP E

	W	T	L	GF	GA	GPA
Serbia 1, Switzerland 1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Brazil 1, Switzerland 1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Switzerland 0, Costa Rica 0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Costa Rica 0, Serbia 0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Sunday, June 17						
Serbia vs. Switzerland						
Brazil vs. Costa Rica						
Switzerland vs. Costa Rica						
Wednesday, June 20						
At Moscow, Russia						
Brazil 1, Costa Rica 0						
Brazil 1, Switzerland 1						
Friday, June 22						
At Samara, Russia						
Brazil vs. Costa Rica						
Wednesday, June 27						
At Moscow, Russia						
Brazil vs. Costa Rica						
Sunday, June 24						
At Nizhny Novgorod, Russia						
Sweden vs. Costa Rica						
Wednesday, June 27						
At Samara, Russia						
Sweden vs. Costa Rica						
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At Nizhny Novgorod, Russia						
Mexico 1, Switzerland 0						
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Cap rise could herald huge offseason deals

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## WORLD CUP

# Better with age

Ronaldo making case for GOAT label with four tournament goals

BY RONALD BLUM  
Associated Press

MOSCOW — Cristiano Ronaldo walked out for warmups at sun-splashed Luzhniki Stadium with diamonds affixed to each earlobe and a new goatee sprouting from his chin — like a goat, get it? Greatest of All Time.

He sparkled, even before the opening whistle of Portugal's World Cup match against Morocco. And then he validated his flashy look with another glittering goal.

Gems removed, Ronaldo headed in Joao Moutinho's cross after Bernardo Silva's short corner kick in the fourth minute to become the career international scoring leader among European players, and followed with one of his look-at-me-me-me celebratory runs. Ronaldo's tournament-high fourth goal stood up for a 1-0 win over a tenacious Moroccan team on Wednesday, putting the European champions in good position to advance to the World Cup's knockout rounds.

Prolific scorer, pretty boy. Acrobat, diver. Winner, whiner.

Goatee and goals are turning this into Ronaldo's World Cup at 33, past the age considered a soccer player's prime, "He's like a port wine," Portugal coach Fernando Santos said through a translator. "He knows how to refine his capacity and age at his best."

Ronaldo's competition with Lionel Messi is the great Millennial rivalry in sports, soccer's version of Ali vs. Frazier, Bird vs. Magic, DiMaggio vs. Williams.

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Portugal star  
Cristiano Ronaldo  
leads World Cup  
scoring with four  
goals in two games.

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